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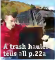

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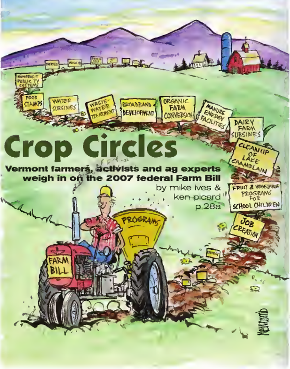

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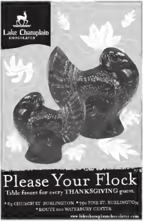
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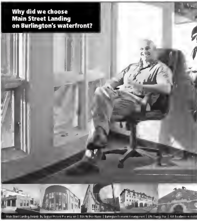
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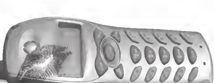

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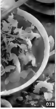

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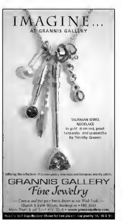
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FAIR AND LOATHING

I must say I was surprised to see a hunting edition of *Seven Days* ["Open Season," November 7]. I was skeptical as I read each of the articles and was pleasantly surprised at their fairness and comprehensiveness. I thank you did a good job of portraying some of the true motivations of serious hunters.

There are "bad apples" in every demographic, but the vast majority of hunters are responsible people who love the land and the animals they pursue. Fair chase and ethical behavior are the norm. Although, quite often it is the "bad apples" that gain attention through their actions. Nobody loathes them more than true hunters. Thank you for your fairness.

Ed Gallo
RICHMOND

Gallo is vice president of the Hunters Anglers Trappers Association of Vermont.

KILLING FIELDS

I grew up in a family of hunters. My uncle owns a deer hunting cabin and my grandma still likes to have deer gutting parties on her dining room table. I would like to say that your hunting issue ["Open Season," November 7] was a chilling reminder that the "harvest" is about to occur. Yes, it is that time of year when the Green Mountain woods turn into a battlefield for trigger-happy killers, much like the mechanized slaughterhouses of the industrialized urban landscapes.

I read through each article thoroughly. Each contained the same rehashed arguments about the "necessity" of killing without ever looking at the probable cause of how we as a society got ourselves into the mess of having to raise and tend to a "wild" animal population. Today's wildlife management is so regulated (which is not necessarily a bad thing) that wild animals might as well be just another marginalized domesticated animal deemed fit for slaughter.

Why the need for this regulation? Because nature works in a predator-versus-prey, checks-and-balance system. We as humans have gotten rid of that system and opted only for the prey! For example, many figures were thrown around in your issue about how the wild animal populations have proliferated since the turn of the century. Let's try to see why this is so by taking a little history lesson.

As a prelude to the Industrial Revolution, there was a massive movement in America to eradicate wildlife, particularly predators, animals such as the wolf, the catamount (the UVM mascot), the large grizzly bear, etc. To this day, these animals are still rare in many parts of the country, and there are few plans of letting them move back into New England. As recently as 1993, there was a movement in New Hampshire to reintroduce the wolf, but it was shut down in the state senate largely due to the outcry of (surprise! surprise!) endemic hunters who felt strongly that the wolf would compete for the already burgeoning "wild" deer herd. Yes,

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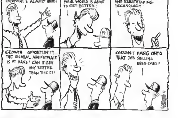
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- A new multimedia page that collects our videos and web-only content

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For the next week, we'll have a short feedback survey on our site. Please take a minute to fill it out.

VIDEO

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I just finished up an interview with Kevin Russell, from Austin, Texas, progenitors of absurdist intellectual hillbillyism, The Gourds. Anyone who reads the paper regularly knows that the "rock interview" is not my particular forte. As such, I've decided to tackle the issue head on and try as many different interview tacks as possible. Throw enough shit against the wall...

Last week, my interview with Broken Social Scene's Kevin Drew went from amiable to near suicidal as I pressed a wee bit too much on the stresses of BSS A.F. (After Feist). You should see some of the shit I chose not to print. Isn't there some axiom about salt on open wounds? Whoops.

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Posted November 12 by Dan Bolles

OMNIVORE **[FOOD]**

The $1000 Bagel

I'm always on the lookout for abnormally expensive food products. Tonight, I discovered the $1000 bagel. What would you expect on a bagel that costs that much? I'm thinking cream cheese made with the milk of a single cow which feasts entirely on alpine grasses and herbs, the flesh from a salmon that was raised on sake and massaged daily, topped with a generous scoop of beluga caviar and served with a glass of champagne.

What's really on the thing? "...White truffle cream cheese and goji berry-infused Riesling jelly with golden leaves."

You can acquire such a bagel at the Westin New York Hotel at Times Square. And unlike other ridiculously priced products I've seen, this one is meant to raise money for scholarships to be awarded to culinary students. If you do decide to spring for one, make sure to order 24 hours in advance.

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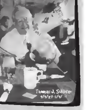
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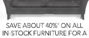

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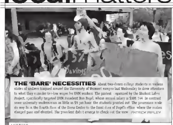

THE 'BARE' NECESSITIES About two-dozen college students in various states of undress traipsed around the University of Vermont campus last Wednesday to draw attention to what they consider too-low wages for UVM workers. The protest, organized by the Student Labor Project, specifically targeted UVM President Dan Fogel, whose annual salary is $301,144. In contrast, some university workers earn as little as $9 per hour, the students pointed out. The procession made its way from the fourth floor of the Davis Center to the front door of Fogel's office, where the nudies clanged pans and chanted. The president didn't emerge to check out the view. PATRICK RIPLEY

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JUSTICE

Local Lawyer Pens National Impeachment Resolution

BY KEN PICARD

BURLINGTON — Chalk up another political victory, albeit a symbolic one, for Jimmy Leas. On November 5, the Burlington patent lawyer and peace activist introduced a resolution at the National Lawyers Guild's annual convention in Washington, D.C., that calls for the impeachment of President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

The resolution, which was unanimously accepted by the left-leaning lawyers' group, alleges more than a dozen "high crimes and misdemeanors" committed by the Bush administration, including condoning torture and violating the UN charter and Geneva Conventions.

The National Lawyers Guild is the first bar association in the country to formally call for the president and vice president's ouster. The resolution also encourages other state and national bar associations, as well as state and local governments, labor unions and other citizens' groups, to adopt similar resolutions.

Leas is no newcomer to trying to force political change via nonbinding resolutions. In the 1980s, the former IBM engineer introduced resolutions at the company's annual shareholders meetings to end the sale of goods to apartheid South Africa. For the last seven years, Leas has introduced similar resolutions urging that company to end its alleged age-discrimination practices. And in March, Leas was instrumental in getting 37 cities and towns throughout Vermont, as well as the Vermont Senate, to adopt resolutions calling for Bush's impeachment.

"I think that what's become clear is that these are not just individual crimes," Leas says. "What we're looking at are the first steps that are commonly taken by someone who wants to replace democracy with a police state. And we're seeing that played out right now."

ENVIRONMENT

Bristol Site Offers Eternity, the Old-Fashioned Way

BY KEVIN J. KELLEY

BRISTOL — Here's an opportunity to die for. Some Bristol-area residents are aiming to develop New England's first eco-cemetery on the grounds of a local conservation area. The advocates envision non-embalmed bodies in pine boxes or cotton shrouds being buried in unmarked graves on a small portion of the 664-acre site known as the Waterworks Property.

Interments should be "as natural as can be," says David Brynn, leader of the effort to bring "green burial" practices to Vermont. Several eco-cemeteries have been established in England in recent years, and they're now coming to Canada, notes Brynn, a conservation forestry professor at the University of Vermont. Natural burial grounds appeal to the environmentally minded, he says, because they offer a cleaner, "more positive" alternative to traditional in-ground interments — and to cremation as well.

Embalming fluids, which are highly toxic, will eventually seep into the earth, even when a body has been buried in a metal casket, Brynn points out. Use of a pine box or shroud, on the other hand, facilitates the return to nature of a body's nutritive elements. This cycle can't be completed with cremation, which also requires "a great deal of energy." It also releases dioxin and mercury into the air, Brynn adds.

Natural burials are also a lot cheaper than the typical American funeral. The cost of a ceremony and interment at Greensprings Natural Cemetery Preserve near Ithaca, New York, averages less than $3500. The typical American burial usually results in a $6000 bill for survivors, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

A green burial allows friends and family to participate in a final farewell — perhaps by shoveling soil into a grave, Brynn notes. Proponents staged a simulated ritual of this sort at the Waterworks site one sunny Sunday afternoon last month.

About a dozen *faux* mourners ranging in age from 12 to late sixties gathered in a circle after depositing leaves, acorns and feathers in a pine box that was then lowered into the ground. One member of the group read Wendell Berry's poem "Ripening," which begins: *The longer we are together / the larger death grows around us. / How many we know by now / who are dead!*

Brynn, 56, got interested in burials by working as a gravedigger at St. Augustine's Cemetery in Montpelier while in high school. He says he foresees an eco-interment for himself one day.

Natural burial in a well-drained section of the Bristol site would probably comply with Vermont law, says Secretary of State Deb Markowitz. "In Vermont, we allow a lot of flexibility with burials," she notes, citing the state's acceptance of backyard interments in rural locales. Markowitz's office recently published an updated booklet on the state's burial and cemetery law, available through www.sec.state.vt.us/.

But the Vermont Land Trust, which holds a conservation easement for the Waterworks Property, may not give its needed approval to the plan. The trust is just beginning an assessment of the Bristol group's proposal, says Elise Annes, vice president for community relations. She notes that stipulations for the forested site allow it to be used only for recreation and do not permit excavations.

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PUBLIC SPACE

City Squares Off with Building Owner Over Busted Sidewalk

BY MIKE IVES

BURLINGTON — On September 5, 2003, an engineer opened a hatch in a Main Street sidewalk in downtown Burlington. Once underground, he began exploring the empty space that abuts the basement of Nectar's Restaurant.

It wasn't a ploy to get backstage. The engineer had been hired by the city of Burlington to inspect the so-called "void" for evidence of structural deficiency. What did he find? Sidewalk beams showed "significant rust and deterioration." Twelve days later, the engineer wrote to the building's owners, DNR Enterprises, suggesting the sidewalk be repaired "as soon as is reasonably possible." It was later determined that the void would have to be filled in before any sidewalk repair could be initiated.

That was four years ago. Since then, DNR owners Bob Beauvais, Nectar Rorris and Dennis Campbell have been arguing with the city over who should take responsibility for funding the necessary repairs. DNR claims it has never owned the void and shouldn't be required to throw money at it. The city disagrees, noting DNR has utilized the space for storage — a private, not public, use. In the end, the question remains: Are business owners responsible for fixing property they don't own?

Lawyers have debated that fuzzy matter ever since the engineer's initial 2003 visit. Throughout a lengthy appeals process, Chittenden Superior Court has ruled in the city's favor. This summer, DNR agreed to fill in the void so that the city could begin repairing the overlying sidewalk. A January quote from a contractor, S.D. Ireland, estimated that building two new foundation walls would cost a minimum of $11,360.

A few weeks ago, the case took a new twist. Despite having agreed to do the structural repairs, DNR filed a new motion insisting that the city remove *existing* sidewalk slabs before underground repair work could take place.

"Right now we're arguing over who's *supposed* to remove the darn slabs," explains DNR attorney Norman Smith. "My clients are frustrated. They wanted to work with the city, but the city was absolute in its position."

Smith says DNR, which has owned the building since 1977, is waiting for a response to its motion from the city's attorney, Joseph Farnham. Smith wonders why the city is trying to assign construction costs to his client, suggesting it should use its own grant money to repair the slabs.

Reached by phone in his office last week, Farnham declined to comment.

According to Norm Baldwin, assistant director of Burlington's Department of Public Works, DNR's story doesn't check out. Baldwin has been involved in the project since day one. He says that, despite Smith's comments, DNR has already hired S.D. Ireland to remove the slabs. In fact, Baldwin reports having recently met with both Richard Klein of S.D. Ireland and DNR co-owner Bob Beauvais at the Nectar's site with the understanding that DNR had agreed to fund the slab-removal process.

DNR "had sought to acquire an obstruction permit from our office, and was scheduled to do the work in the middle of October," Baldwin writes in an email. Subsequently, "We received notice from Richard that his crews had been delayed by other work, and that the work was temporarily put off." Klein could not be reached for comment Monday.

As for Smith's assertion that the city should dip into general funds to finance the slab overhaul, Baldwin argues that Burlington taxpayers shouldn't have to suffer the cost burden. "For the city this issue is larger than just one building and the need to have it repaired," Baldwin asserts. "If we lost this particular case, it would set the precedent for any other building that could have the same problem ... We've felt that if we lost this case, it would be multiplied a hundred times."

Seven Days called each of the three co-owners of DNR on November 9. Reached in his Lincoln home, Beauvais seemed to evade a request for an interview, saying he wouldn't be available to talk for several days on account of a recent knee operation. In June, Beauvais had spoken openly about the matter on the steps of City Hall.

Later on Nov. 9, *Seven Days* left messages for Beauvais' business partners, Nectar Rorris and Dennis Campbell. Neither had returned phone calls for this story as of press time.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Middlebury Police Won't Seek Out Illegal Workers

BY KEN PICARD

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police officers that encounter foreign nationals who may be in the country illegally will no longer detain them or contact federal immigration agents unless that person is known or suspected of committing a crime or terrorist act, according to a new policy adopted recently by the Middlebury Select Board.

The new protocol, which has actually been an unofficial practice for months, is aimed at encouraging victims and witnesses of crimes or accidents to call 9-1-1 without fearing that their immigration status will land them in hot water.

"We're seeing an increase in the immigrant population in our area, mostly in agriculture but also in the service sector," explains Middlebury Police Chief Tom Hanley. "And I wanted to make sure that we dealt with this issue consistently."

Hanley, whose 12-member force serves an area of about 38 square miles, says he's heard of at least one case in which an undocumented foreign national didn't report a fire in his own home and the place burned until someone else spotted the blaze.

"Look, they're in the community and we're never gonna scoop them all up," Hanley says. "Just from a humanitarian standpoint, these are folks who may be in need of public safety services, and they're not in a position to seek those services, to the detriment of themselves and the community at large."

Middlebury isn't the first law enforcement agency in Vermont to adopt such a policy. Burlington Police Chief Tom Tremblay adopted a similar one last year, aimed at encouraging more public participation in community-based policing. However, both the Middlebury and Burlington police departments emphasize they will cooperate with federal agents when asked.

The director of the Vermont State Police, Col. James Baker, says his agency has not yet considered such a policy, though his troopers are not "proactively enforcing" federal immigration laws unless they encounter someone in the course of an investigation. And, while Baker "fully understands and supports" the policies in Middlebury and Burlington, he points out that state troopers have somewhat different duties to perform.

"Especially in Chief Hanley's situation, he's in a very small geographic area where his officers know people very well," says Baker. "Our troopers, a lot of times, are on the Canadian border at 1 o'clock in the morning. It's an entirely different environment."

Mark Henry is operations officer for the Swanton Sector of U.S. Border Patrol, which guards 295 miles of border in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Henry says he was not informed about Middlebury's policy change and won't comment on it, except to say, "We're very appreciative of any assistance we can get from local law enforcement."

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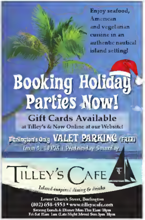

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WORKERS' RIGHTS

Workplace Bully Bill on Tap at Statehouse

BY PATRICK RIPLEY

VHWA COORDINATOR SHERRILL GILBERT

PHOTO: PATRICK RIPLEY

MONTPELIER — You may not be getting tortured on the playground during second period, but that doesn't mean you aren't the target of a bully. In fact, some worker advocates estimate that millions of adults across the country — mostly women — are bullied by co-workers on a regular basis. What is worse, they say, is that victims have no legal recourse.

A group known as the Vermont Healthy Workplace Advocates hope to change that and have joined a national campaign to get anti-workplace bullying legislation passed in Vermont. VHWA Coordinator Sherrill Gilbert, who says she was a victim of workplace bullying for more than a decade, is leading the charge and has convinced two Vermont lawmakers to introduce legislation that defines workplace bullying and allows victims to take legal action. Vermont is the 13th state to consider such a measure.

Gilbert, 60, says she was "harassed," "humiliated" and "blackballed" while working at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin. The abuse started in the early 1990s, steadily becoming more frequent and aggressive until she was eventually fired, she says. "I never, ever want my grandchildren or anybody else's grandchildren, to go through what I went through. It was hell," says Gilbert.

The South Barre resident worked as a secretary in the hospital emergency room when she says she first encountered the alleged abuse. In 1995, after it became more frequent, she decided to begin documenting her encounters. What started out as coworkers denying her office supplies, she says, turned into bosses screaming at her in front of patients and coworkers. Gilbert alleges her superiors tampered with her time card to reduce her hours and forged hostile emails in her name.

When Gilbert filed grievances against her coworkers, she says they retaliated with their own set of complaints to the hospital's human resources department. When she complained to a boss, "I was told I needed to turn the other cheek," she says. When she needed to have minor surgery at the hospital, she says a nurse refused to assist with the operation. "This kind of abuse has all the earmarks that a rape does," she says.

> **This kind of abuse has all the earmarks that a rape does.**
> **SHERRILL GILBERT**

Eventually Gilbert turned to the federal Department of Labor, which she says investigated her case and found discrepancies in how her hours were being recorded. Some time later, she says, the hospital agreed to clean out Gilbert's human resources file — which by that time was chock full of what she considers unsubstantiated retaliatory complaints against her — and agreed to allow Gilbert to conduct workplace abuse seminars for hospital staffers.

"Most likely it's going to be a personnel matter that I can't discuss," says Sue Kruthers, CVMC vice president of community relations and development, of Gilbert's claims of abuse at the hospital. She says she would have to consult with hospital officials before discussing the situation further. She also would not comment on the proposed legislation until she has reviewed it with hospital officials. "Generally speaking, I certainly don't think bullying is a good thing," says Kruthers.

Gilbert says the impact of the abuse still follows her. She says her human resources file was never really purged and that she had trouble finding an adequate job due to her checkered past at CVMC. Her self-image has suffered, she says. And worst of all, she says, there was no one protecting her. "It made me realize how vulnerable you are. It made me realize that the rights that we think we have can be taken away," she says.

At Gilbert's urging, Rep. Leo Valliere (R-Barre) and Sen. Ann Cummings (D-Montpelier) introduced legislation earlier this year to protect against workplace bullying. The bills, both under committee review, establish specific criteria for workplace bullying and a legal framework for civil action against would-be bullies.

Valliere, considered by one lawmaker as the point man for the anti-bullying legislation, says he has attended several meetings with Gilbert and other Vermonters who have been bullied at work. "In the workplace, you see a lot of people who are affected by it. One [victim I spoke with] is probably suicidal as I speak right now," says Valliere.

"I have several constituents who have various experiences in workplace bullying. I told them I thought it was a worthwhile discussion, so I put the bill in," says Cummings.

While Valliere says no opponents for the bill have come forth in Vermont, he did note opposition from employers, workers' unions and chamber of commerce members in other states that have considered it. A main concern is that the legislation would open the door to a flood of lawsuits. Workers' unions have also struggled with the law for its potential to pit fellow union members against one another in a court of law.

But Valliere says, "This is not just another whiner bill," and does not intend it to be anti-employer. He says the legislation is written to ensure that employees must cover the expenses if they want to take their case to court, which should cut down on frivolous lawsuits. He also says abusive work environments end up costing companies money due to poor performance and attendance.

While it is still unclear how much traction the bill will gain in Montpelier, Governor James Douglas did sign into law an anti-bullying in school bill in 2004. Says Valliere, "I see this taking a couple years to do." ⓢ

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BY PETER FREYNE

AN IRREVERENT READ ON VT POLITICS

Is He, or Isn't He?

Only his hairdresser knows for sure, eh?

That was the feeling one got reading and listening to the reports in the daily press this week as the news shops tried to figure out whether **Anthony Pollina**, 55, did or did not toss his hat into the 2008 gubernatorial ring at Saturday's Progressive Party convention in South Royalton.

Hey, yours truly was there, and our best call is, Tony the Prog is running if at least two key shoes drop.

First and foremost, there will have to be a solid demonstration of support for Pollina over the coming holiday season. We're talking *financial* support.

As State Rep. **Chris Pearson** of Burlington put it: "Money's king in this game. You can wish it's not true, but it is in the major leagues," said Pearson, who ran Tony the Prog's gubernatorial race in 2000 and his Lite Gov campaign in 2002. "It's perhaps the biggest indicator of running a serious race. In 2000, we were delighted to have $300,000 to spend. This one is going to require $1 million."

Just telling like it is.

"If we're going to do this," said Pearson to the 80 mostly baby-boomer generation faithful, "we have to demonstrate, and demonstrate quickly, that we're not goofing around. To me, that means raising $100,000 by January 15. If we do that, the media will notice."

Hey, the media's already noticing. Noticing the undeniable fact that the Vermont Democratic Party is having an embarrassingly hard time coming up with a challenger to take on Republican Gov. **Jim Douglas** next year.

Liberal/Progressive Vermont, land of Sens. **Patrick Leahy** and **Bernie Sanders**, is scraping for a Democrat horse. The savvy ones, such as Vermont Senate President **Peter Shumlin**, appear to sense that Douglas can't be beat. Has his bases covered.

Word this week is that former Ambassador **Peter Galbraith**, who had been mentioned as a possibility, now has ruled it out. And every time yours truly mentions the name of Democratic State Sen. **John Campbell** of Windsor County — said to be eager to take a shot — all we get is a blank look and the question, "Who?"

This would be Pollina's best shot, but it has to be a clear one. The Democrats and Progressives have to unite on this to have a snowball's chance in you-know-where.

"Our candidate," said thirty-something Pearson to the aging Prog faithful, "leads the pack with name recognition, credibility and campaign know-how." But the clock is ticking. "We have to move quickly," repeated Pearson, "to demonstrate fundraising power."

Sounds like "put up-or-shut up" time in Prog Land.

"If we're serious about winning," said Pearson, "we have to consider options like adding an additional party label. Some of you may find that despicable," he said, "and I'm sorry. We're not going to have that debate. We don't have the time."

Indeed, private talks have been underway between Progressives and Democrats.

"Friends in the Democratic Party have written me, encouraged me, voiced their support," said Pollina, "but we need to find a way to work with them to build the unity that's needed to make a successful campaign."

The olive branches are certainly being extended in public.

"We have to work very seriously with our friends in the Democratic Party to especially make sure they understand that to build a successful campaign," said Anthony, "this particular race is going to take one candidate people can get behind, who can make sure that we replace Jim Douglas with a governor that brings us in a different direction."

Sounds like Pollina's got to flex a little muscle soon, fundraising-wise. To the tune of six figures by January 15.

And what about a little haircut?

Last Minute No-Show — The Progressive Party had four morning breakout sessions on its convention agenda. One on "Agriculture." One on "Economic Development & Tax Reform." Another on "Health Care," and a fourth on "Drug Policy & Correcting Corrections." According to the printed agenda, the drug policy session was to have been moderated by Windsor County State's Attorney **Robert Sand** — someone in the news last week.

But State Chair **Martha Abbott** informed the delegates that State's Attorney Sand had called her the night before and informed her he would not be able to make it as planned.

"His life became a little complicated," said Abbott, "and he called and said, 'I'm not gonna make it.'"

She was referring to the fact that Gov. Jim Douglas told the Vermont State Police to send first-time marijuana possession cases in Windsor County to the attorney general rather than to Sand's office.

That was the gubernatorial reaction to Prosecutor Sand's recent decision to reduce pot charges against **Martha Davis**, a 61-year-old part-time family court judge. Damn Woodstock generation, eh?

Sand has bravely advocated we reexamine our current drug laws and cast a cold eye on whether they're helping or hurting individuals and society itself. A case can certainly be made that our drug policy inflicts more damage and more cost than the drugs themselves.

Unfortunately, in this particular case, Davis had more than a few joints or a couple ounces of the leafy green stuff, which, let's face it, is a staple of modern American society. According to police, she had 2 1/2 pounds and 32 small plants. As law-enforcement types sympathetic to Sand's view tell us, "Those are felony amounts. Dropping that to a diversion's a stretch."

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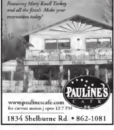

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Perhaps, but it does get the public debate going, doesn't it?

Thank you, Gov. Scissorhands, for stepping in. And State Sen. **Jeanette White** (D-Windham) jumped in as well. Sen. White says she'll introduce a bill in January that would reduce possession of marijuana to a civil, rather than a criminal, offense.

Hmm. Didn't a young twenty-something Republican State Rep from Middlebury named Jim Douglas once vote in favor of just such a measure back in the good old 1970s?

Yes, indeed. On March 17, 1978, Rep. Douglas voted for H.669, a bill that would have decriminalized pot possession of less than an ounce. It passed the Vermont House but died in the Vermont Senate without reaching the floor.

Ah. The good old days.

"My view," said Democratic Senate boss Peter Shumlin to the *Brattleboro Reformer*, "is that Vermont is spending extraordinary resources prosecuting and defending cases for small amounts of marijuana, and that is a waste of resources."

Sand may have canceled his Progressive convention appearance, but there were Bobby Sand handouts. He is a thoughtful guy, a respected prosecutor and a very brave man.

"The war on drugs is a war on people," writes Sand. "The time has come to discuss a better approach to this vexing problem. I look forward to the discussion."

Unfortunately he didn't show up Saturday to have it.

Welch's Finest Hour — Actually, the Sunday meeting in the basement of the Barre [illegible] between Democratic U.S. Rep. **Peter Welch** and about 100 Iraq war critics lasted two hours and 20 minutes, according to our watch. Some of the folks had protested in his office before. Some had been arrested.

They say the honeymoon is over for this Democratically controlled Congress. They want Welch to vote against any and all funding for the Iraq war.

Under the original agenda, Welch was to be allowed to answer only "yes" or "no" to 15 questions they had prepared (but he had not seen). He would then be given 10 minutes to speak.

The freshman congressman changed their plans. First time we've ever seen a congressman have to fight for his First Amendment right of free speech, but Ol' Welchie did. There was a whole lot of '70s-style screaming and yelling from the audience, but the congressman admirably kept his cool and made his points.

"It's my job," he told yours truly afterward. "These are good Vermont folks who care passionately about the constitution and the war in Iraq. And I feel it was important that I listen to them. I was glad to participate and listen to the conviction, the passion, the sense of urgency that they have."

His goal, he said, was to convey he's "doing everything that I can to bring this war to an end." He noted Wisconsin Sen. **Russ Feingold**, a strong war opponent, had publicly cited his anti-war efforts.

"I think it's a good turnout," said Rep. Welch. "I think Vermonters are very passionate about the war. I'd love it," he added, "if they'd also focus on a couple senators over in New Hampshire who supported the war to begin with and are continuing to sustain it with votes for blank-check funding."

Bernie on Iraq — U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders held a press conference in Burlington Monday, as usual, and he stuck to the Veterans Day theme. His office had gone to bat to help get World War II veteran **Stanley Sabens**, 84, of Barre the medals he'd earned fighting for freedom as a member of the Black Devils, the First Special Service Force, a precursor of the Green Berets.

Not many Black Devils left.

And Vermonters continue to answer the call to military service. Many Vermonters still trust their president, who says the cause in Iraq is just. But the American people, and most Vermonters, know that's simply not the case. They know the cause in Iraq is simply incomparable to that for which Stanley Sabens and his comrades fought and died in Italy and France. That the massive mission **George W. Bush** has launched in Iraq is not a war but a crime, and it's a crime on an enormous scale.

In a one-on-one with "Inside Track" after his presser, Ol' Bernardo indicated the coming days and weeks in Washington will be heated.

"You have a president," said Sanders, "who pretty clearly seems determined not to bring the troops home during his watch. He's going to leave that responsibility to the next president."

Great.

But it will not happen without a fight.

Sen. Sanders told us there will be "some very strong action" coming in the weeks ahead, which he will be "very supportive of." It will use the budgetary process (all the big spending bills are still in limbo) to "bring our troops home as soon as we possibly can — certainly within the next year," he said.

"We'll be standing up to Bush as strongly as we possibly can," Vermont's 66-year-old junior senator assured us.

Wouldn't expect anything less, would you?

The problem in this particular "democracy" is a mathematical one. Sixty votes are needed in the 100-member U.S. Senate to end debate and have an up-or-down vote. It can be maddening, but it's the rule.

How far can we possibly be from the "tipping point?" we asked. The point where enough Republican senators, such as **John Sununu** in New Hampshire and others up for reelection next November, wake up and smell the coffee? Wake up and realize their personal political careers are in serious danger?

"That's exactly right," replied Sanders, his eyes widening. The "key issue here," he said, is that the elections are coming "and the Republicans are not dumb."

A backhanded compliment, eh?

"Already," said Ol' Bernardo, "we're seeing our Republican friends — who just coincidentally happen to be up for reelection — separating themselves from the president. It's almost amusing," he added with a grin. "You can tell by the votes whether somebody's coming up for election or not."

Stay tuned!

CLF Warms Up? — The Conservation Law Foundation has a well-earned reputation as one of those environmental tree hugger outfits that doesn't care a whole lot about being liked.

CLF's mission is to win in the courtroom and at the Statehouse, and they've been very, very good at that throughout New England.

As **Chris Kilian**, CLF's Vermont boss, put it the other night, "The Conservation Law Foundation isn't afraid to file lawsuits and we're proud of that. That's what we do. And sometimes that's looked at like a radical gesture. But from our perspective, it's turning to the place where we can get justice on the causes that we fight for."

But now CLF has embarked on a new, warmer and fuzzier direction. Last week, they invited a select group to Burlington's Waterfront Theatre for hors d'oeuvres and a pitch on what needs to be done to reverse the degradation of Lake Champlain.

Director Kilian told yours truly they had put the word out, hoping to get 30 to 35 folks to show. They ended up with 80.

"We're very pleased," said Kilian. "We have a very mixed group, from philanthropists and donors to our organization, to local activists and people who do local water quality monitoring."

Kilian acknowledged, "This is a new direction for us in terms of holding events in various areas of the state. We're hoping to do three this year. Our organization recently hired a special-events coordinator, so we now have some staff capacity to do these kinds of things."

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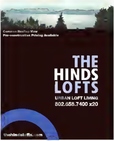
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PUPPETRY

Local Troupe Reinvents Bawdy Operetta for the Small Stage

BY MATT SCANLON

A staggering drunk puppet haltingly navigates his way through a lavish party thrown by a local dignitary. He punctuates nearly all conversations with pointed sexual come-ons to any woman within earshot, but finds his usually dependable lady-killer techniques hampered by frequent drink spills — or perhaps by the prospect of the prison term that awaits him. Meanwhile, his wife — weary of his philandering — plans an elaborate revenge, or at least as elaborate as a 4-foot stage will allow.

Despite its similarities to a hallucination, this scene is not the product of excessive indulgence in tequila. It's a wildly unique interpretation of the comic operetta *Die Fledermaus* by Burlington's own **Vive La Voce Puppet Opera**. A combination of just a few vocal performances, a stripped-down version of the libretto and some inspired puppeteering, this adaptation might be seen as a deliberate poke in the eye to anyone who reveres more faithful operatic interpretation. To **Roxanne Vought**, who founded the company a year and a half ago, that is precisely the point.

"I've always felt that classical music and opera has been consistently intimidating to people," she offers from the company's Howard Street rehearsal studio in preparation for the FlynnSpace show this weekend. "I wanted to find a way to make this amazing music and these wonderful stories accessible to anyone, even newcomers — particularly newcomers."

A few minutes with Vought — a University of Vermont graduate with a major in vocal performance — is enough to convey the seriousness of her comic mission. She is, after all, a veteran of the puppet-opera format — Vive La Voce staged *Faust* and *Carmen* prior to tackling this classic German work, whose music was penned by waltz king Johann Strauss II. The operetta's story describes Baron von Eisenstein's habitual infidelities and the growing unhappiness of his wife Rosalinde. It also throws in a little class warfare.

It's less about puppets being cute and more about creating a fantasy world that you can play with as an audience member.

ROXANNE VOUGHT, VIVE LA VOCE FOUNDER

ARCHITECTURE

Architects Display Designs for Green, Modular Housing

BY CANDICE WHITE

Are green, architecturally designed developments the answer to the problem of affordable housing in Vermont? Members of **Vermont CORA** (Congress of Residential Architects) from across the state have spent the last two years collaborating on their own interpretations of that architectural Holy Grail: housing that is green and, yes, affordable.

Last Wednesday, Burlington's **Mayor Kiss** welcomed a crowd of builders, developers, architects and interested citizens to browse the fruits of the architectural teams' labors and to kick off a panel discussion on the feasibility of building these designs in Vermont.

The walls of the **Metropolitan Gallery** in Burlington City Hall were lined with poster-sized boards depicting exterior and interior designs, elevations and landscape features for five different developments. The crowd consumed snacks and drinks while viewing the designs, and then assembled in a large conference room for discussion.

The architects on the panel — **John Connell** of **2Morrow Studio**, **Daniel Johnson** of **Watershed Studio**, **Frank Guillot** of **GVV Architects**, **Ramsay Gourd** of **Ramsay Gourd Architects** and **Joseph Cincotta** of **LineSync Architecture** — took turns introducing their designs and highlighting the unique features of their developments. "Initially, our challenge was to design a housing development that would be green, affordable and sustainable," began Connell, a founder of **Yestermorrow Design/Build School** in Warren. His 2Morrow Studio is also a founding member of CORA. "But after two meetings, we realized that affordability would require working with manufactured systems."

Representatives from several modular manufacturers chosen to partner with the architectural teams were also among the panelists, including Eric Tremblay from Dentech of Canada and Doug Hennsell from Customized Structures Incorporated (CSI) in New Hampshire.

The housing developments incorporated from 22 to 55 units, clustered on a 4-acre parcel of property. One prominent "green" feature in Guillot's design was a flat vegetative roof. That led audience member **Winthrop Smith Jr.**, president of **Sugarbush Resort**, to prod the architect gently: "I don't know about you, but we get a lot of snow down in the Mad River Valley. How does your flat roof handle the snow?"

"All of my buildings use vegetative roofs," answered Guillot. "They absorb 50 to 75 percent of rainfall, and delay water excess four to five hours. These roofs reduce the cooling load in the summer ... and in winter, the snow just sits there. ... Indigenous plants line the roof, similar to what is growing at the top of Camel's Hump."

Another design centered on a glass-enclosed atrium filled with plants and trees that offered tenants a shared indoor/outdoor environment.

At a peer review board this past summer in Manchester, all five of these designs earned Gold certifications — and one earned Platinum — under the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating. The peer board did express concern, however, about just how "affordable" the units actually were. That question came up at Wednesday's discussion as well.

"What is one of the biggest ways to lose money in construction?" posited Connell. "You're paying your crew to wait around for the plumber, or for the electrician. With modular housing, all that interior work is done. It's a contained cost."

"Doesn't the modular method do a disservice to Vermonters by cutting out local labor?" challenged another audience member.

"No," responded Connell. "The modular systems are built at their factories, but local labor is required to put it all together."

The architectural designs are on display through November 15 in Burlington City Hall, after which they will travel to other parts of the state. And this Friday, November 16, City Hall builds on that exhibit by hosting a reception for another display of innovative architecture: the 2007 **American Institute for Architects Vermont Design Competition**. Aspiring architects from around the state will exhibit 51 proposals on boards. The public will have an opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award — which, along with jury selections, will be presented at **AIA Vermont**'s annual meeting on December 6. The designs can be seen in Burlington through the end of November. Visit www.aiavt.org for more info.

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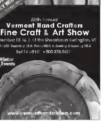

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FROM VIVE LA VOCE'S *DIE FLEDERMAUS*

This is not the stuff of kiddie puppet shows. Vought believes puppets are as alluring to adults as they are to children. In fact, it's precisely because her cast uses them instead of human actors that they're so adept at making serious-sounding material wonderfully crazy.

How will audiences swallow the concept of a deeply troubled and randy man — made of wood and cloth? "For me, it's less about puppets being cute and more about creating a fantasy world that you can play with as an audience member," Vought says. "It's nice to be able to take the purely human expectations away from a character. It frees up the story a little more, and I think it helps tweak the imagination of anyone watching."

Not satisfied with Vive La Voce's schedule of one or two performances a year, Vought plans — with the help of grant money — to expand both the range of material and the frequency of shows. She's quick to tie that ambition in to the greater goal of sowing seeds of interest in opera.

"Sure, one aspect of founding [Vive La Voce] was to play with a format that might strike people as novel," Vought adds. "But, more broadly, it is a way of passing music history down to a new generation. If puppet opera helps make that history seem more accessible, then I'm overjoyed."

ART

Portraits by the Artist as a Very Young Man . . . and His Mom

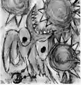
BY PAMELA POLSTON

Montpelier's **Langdon Street Café** is a funky hangout with worn, mismatched furniture and thrift-shop décor. A dark-roast aroma fills the air, creating something like a permanently caffeinated climate. The place is wired electronically, too, for laptoppers and live musicians. All this ensures the patronage of grown-up hippies and hipsters, but Langdon Street is family-friendly as well, offering a toddler-sized table and chairs and kids' games in a cozy nook.

This is, in short, a perfect venue for the quirky, high-energy artwork of **Cecily Herzig**. Make that Cecily Herzig and her son **Ever Tofel**. The two, ages 33 and 4, share a current exhibit at Langdon Street entitled "Birds, Hats & the Bizarre." Though glass and neat frames contain the 17 brilliantly colored drawings, the images look like they'd prefer to leap out at unsuspecting viewers.

Last weekend the café hosted a reception for the collaborative show, which runs through November, but it wasn't Ever's first. He's been co-creating artwork with his mom since age 2 in their South Strafford home; this exhibit previously appeared at the Hotel Coolidge in White River Junction. The drawings generally begin, Herzig explains, with a few "scribbles" — primarily circles — by Ever. Then she takes over and completes the picture using handmade multicolored crayons and water-soluble wax pastels. "Earlier ones were just what did I think it looked like — it was sort of accidental," Herzig says. "In the end, there's probably not much left of what he's done. I color over them."

This should not be mistaken for kiddie art. Herzig's color sensibility and execution are too sophisticated for that. Still, most of her works with Ever include some googly-eyed critter of indeterminate provenance. These tend to look simultaneously fierce and cute, à la Maurice Sendak. "I've been doing a lot of teeth," Herzig says. "Some people are disturbed by them, but I think they're funny." Case in point: the menacing, razor-toothed, um, beak of the feathery fiend in a drawing innocently titled "Baby Bird."



"BABY BIRD" BY CECILY HERZIG AND EVER TOFEL

The collaboration that started as a fun parent-child activity became more purposeful over time. After all, Herzig is a trained artist, as well as a geographer. Her projects have included curating displays for the Montshire Museum of Science and cartographic services for the Hanover Upper Valley Land Trust. She has also exhibited her solo artwork. The current 14-by-16-inch drawings with Ever sell for $230 each.

The art portfolio on Herzig's website — www.usedlipstick.com — includes a selection of the collaborative works as well as her earlier watercolor landscapes. While competently done, the latter are far more traditional. It's safe to say the infusion of toddler tactics has changed Herzig's approach to making art. It's precisely the kind of childlike spontaneity that many a master artist has tried to recover, with various degrees of success. Though her son participated, Herzig says, "This is the work that really feels like me."

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Curses, Foiled Again German authorities charged a 33-year-old factory worker with stealing more than 1 million screws from his employer. The man smuggled between 2000 and 7000 screws out of work each night for two years and then auctioned them on an Internet site, according to police in Würzburg, who said the worker became their suspect because he was selling the screws "for much less than they usually cost."

• Oft-caught career criminal Clive Halford, 39, was nabbed for stealing $300,000 worth of nickel and copper. Prosecutor David Outterside told England's Derby Crown Court that police stopped Halford's getaway truck after noticing it was so overloaded that the suspension had collapsed and the vehicle was dragging on the ground.

How Government Works Rep. David Wu (D-Ore.) used congressional privilege to earmark more than $2 million in defense contracts for a company in his district whose top executives contributed to his campaign. The company, InSport International, delivered polyester T-shirts for Marines in Iraq to wear under body armor. The Marines rejected the shirts, however, explaining they couldn't be used in battle because they melt in intense heat, causing severe skin burns. In fact, the Marines had previously banned polyester T-shirts for use in combat, according to the *Seattle Times*, but three months later, because of Wu's earmark, purchased 87,000 polyester T-shirts along with 11,000 T-shirts with fire-resistant sleeves. Wu denied any connection between the earmark and the political contributions and insisted he was "horrified" the Marines couldn't use the polyester T-shirts in battle because of the danger they pose.

In October, Wu's office announced that the Marines agreed to pay $14 million for more InSport polyester T-shirts. These shirts will be worn by troops training outside combat zones.

Feeding Frenzy Police in Mesa, Ariz., reported that after a pickup truck swerved off the road and hit an elderly man waiting for a bus, the truck sped off and witnesses began grabbing the victim's groceries. Jim Mitrovich told KPHO-TV that when he ran to help the victim, someone stole his bag of groceries as well. "One minute it was on the ground," he said, "the next minute it was gone."

Big Brother Is Being Watched Software developed for Wikipedia to trace changes to the popular Internet encyclopedia determined that people using CIA and FBI computers edited entries on the Iraq war and Guantanamo military prison. According to the British Broadcasting Corp., Wikipedia's tracing program also revealed that the Vatican modified information about Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and that a computer owned by the Democratic Party was used to make changes to the entry for talk-show host Rush Limbaugh, branding him "idiotic" and describing his audience as "legally retarded."

Commercial organizations have been active as well, including Diebold, which supplies electronic voting machines. Someone using a Diebold computer removed paragraphs describing the alleged rigging of the 2000 election and revealing that CEO Walden O'Dell had been "a top fundraiser" for George Bush.

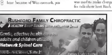
Virgil Griffith of the California Institute of Technology, who developed the Wikipedia Scanner, said it can't identify individuals editing articles nor verify whether the change was made by an agent of a particular agency or company. It does, however, detect whether the "edit came from someone with access to their network."

Convenient to Shopping Michael Townsend, 36, the leader of an artists' cooperative in Providence, R.I., pleaded no contest to trespassing charges after authorities discovered a secret apartment he and seven other artists built at a shopping mall parking garage in 2003 and took turns living in it until September. Concealed behind a cinderblock wall and nondescript utility door, the 750-square-foot apartment was fully furnished, lacking only running water. Before mall security guards caught him, Townsend said he was planning to add laminated wood flooring and other amenities to make the apartment "super sweet."

Political Thinking People's political orientation is the result of how their brains are programmed to process information, according to scientists at New York University and UCLA who measured how conservatives and liberals reacted to cognitive conflict. The findings, reported in the British journal *Nature Neuroscience*, indicate that liberals tolerate ambiguity and conflict better than conservatives, whereas conservatives tend to block distracting information better. "The neural mechanisms for conflict monitoring are formed early in childhood" and "are probably rooted in part in our genetic heritage," said lead author David Amodio, an assistant psychology professor at NYU. He suggested those hard-wired differences explain why liberals and conservatives tend not to get along and may never be able to agree.

ADA Follies Police in Fort Worth, Texas, said a store cashier who beat customer Cody Goodnight, 20, in the head with a crowbar because he thought Goodnight was being rude to him by ignoring his attempt to make friendly conversation didn't realize Goodnight is deaf. Police Lt. Dean Sullivan reported that after officers told cashier Ricky Fernand, 20, that Goodnight was deaf and unable to communicate verbally, Young responded, "Oh."

• Tera Holst, a quadriplegic, and Miles Eckert, a paraplegic, were riding their electric wheelchairs along a steep trail in Paradise, Calif., when Eckert fell off the path marked with signs to "use at your own risk." He tumbled 25 to 30 feet down a slope. Several feet behind him, Holst apparently panicked and lost control of her wheelchair, falling 75 to 80 feet into bay trees and poison oak. Witness Robert Biggs told the *Chico Enterprise Record* that Holst seemed to be in good spirits, despite several likely fractures and a twisted arm, because being a quadriplegic prevented her feeling the pain from her injuries.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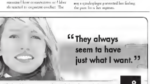
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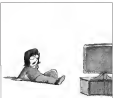

"C'mon, Hilary – just answer the question."

the straight dope BY CECIL ADAMS

ALL WORTHWHILE HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

What's the straight dope about the correlation between vasectomy and dementia?

— A concerned post-op patient, via email

Can men who have had vasectomies have wet dreams?

— Scott, via email

ILLUSTRATION: SLUG SIGNORINO

Though even the idea of a scalpel nearing the upper inseam can make a guy shift uneasily in his seat, vasectomy is a very safe and effective means of preventing unwanted procreation. Complications are relatively rare and minor, and for obvious structural reasons it's way less invasive than the female analog, tubal ligation. But it's still surgery, which always entails some risk; if said risk might include future mental impairment, a little concern seems understandable.

What we're referring to here is a December 2006 study by a team from Northwestern University focusing on men with a fairly uncommon form of dementia called primary progressive aphasia. Unlike Alzheimer's, for instance, PPA doesn't result in memory loss but instead affects regions of the brain associated with language use — it typically shows up first as difficulty in thinking of the word you want (uh-oh, a lot of readers just said to themselves) but may ultimately lead to serious across-the-board problems with written or spoken communication.

It's also more common in men than in women (with memory-related dementia the reverse is true), and apparently it was a patient of lead researcher Sandra Weintraub who first wondered about a connection between his vasectomy surgery and the onset of PPA. Intrigued, Weintraub et al. rounded up two groups of 55- to 80-year-old men, PPA patients and unimpaired volunteers, and compared their vasectomy rates. Results: Members of the PPA group were more than twice as likely to have had a vasectomy than the non-PPAers; within the PPA group, on average the vasectomy recipients developed dementia earlier than their unsterilized peers.

Which, admittedly, is creepy. There are, though, some important reasons not to start freaking out just yet. First, the sample size for the study was quite small — just 47 guys with PPA, 57 without. Given that every year for decades now a half million men or more have undergone the procedure, clearly we've got lots of subjects we could be looking at (and, in so doing, not rely as heavily on those who've already developed PPA). So far, though, no one's reproduced the NU team's results.

And second, the researchers themselves can only guess at what might account for a vasectomy-PPA link. In order to keep the male body's autoimmune system from attacking its sperm cells, the testes are isolated from the flow of blood by something called (reasonably) the blood-testis barrier. But in testicular surgery this firewall is often breached, allowing contact between sperm and blood cells, and in fact one very common side effect of vasectomy is that the patient develops antibodies to his own sperm.

Since other kinds of antibodies have been known to make their way into the brain and cause real trouble there, Weintraub speculates that the antisperm antibodies resulting from vasectomy may be doing something similar. (The study also proposes that women might develop such antibodies and thus a greater risk of PPA; if so, since the overall number of women exposed to sperm is pretty high, one might think PPA would be more common in females than it is.)

The Northwestern docs stressed that further research was required before sounding the alarm, and let's remember that some earlier vasectomy-related fears turned out to be largely unfounded. At one point, for instance, many believed the procedure might increase the incidence of prostate or testicular cancer, but according to the National Cancer Institute, any connection is pretty weak.

A better-documented side effect is sometimes known as postvasectomy pain. Unlike the normal, typically minor pain that often follows surgery, PVP can occur years after the procedure, ranging in intensity from mild to excruciating and arising from a number of conditions: high-pressure sperm buildup (the surgery doesn't halt production of sperm, just keeps it out of the ejaculate), accumulated sperm granulomas (hard balls of tissue that form around stray sperm), kinked tubes, etc. Some sources say as many as a third of all patients experience PVP, but one *Journal of Andrology* survey suggests it's less than 10 percent. Vasectomy reversal can often stop the pain, though researchers aren't entirely sure why. Frankly, you kind of wish they were.

Now, Scott, let me ask you one: How old are you? Because your question doesn't sound like something that would occur to anyone with any business contemplating elective surgery. The answer happens to be yes: vasectomy recipients can have wet dreams. However, little research has been done on the subject for a simple reason: Who cares? People preoccupied with wet dreams tend to be teenage boys, and no matter how concerned they may be about contraception, very few opt to go under the knife. Plenty of factors might sensibly lead a guy to consider a vasectomy, but being too embarrassed to buy condoms isn't one of them.

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work BY KIRK KARDASHIAN VERMONTERS ON THE JOB

Talkin' Trash

For many Vermonters, Saturday mornings are sacred. They can be occasions to kick back with a third cup of coffee, linger over the newspaper and enjoy the beginning of a day unburdened by remunerative labor. But when that peaceful interlude is over, it's high time to get to the dump.

Vermont generates 600,000 tons of solid waste per year — that's nearly 1 ton for every resident. We pay more than $100 million to remove it, in one way or another, from the lanes of our lives. And once it's removed, we give little thought to where it goes or how it gets there.

NAME	**Art Lynds**
JOB	**ABLE Waste Management**
LOCATION	**Bridgewater**
IMAGE	**Kirk Kardashian**

In Bridgewater, the post-consumer chain of custody begins with Art Lynds and ABLE Waste Management. Lynds, 37, started hauling trash 14 years ago for private clients in his hometown of Plymouth. Since then, his company has become the official Fast Trash contractor for Plymouth and Bridgewater, and has expanded into recycling, roll-off construction containers and rear-load dumpster rentals.

Pull into his movable operation at the Bridgewater Town Garage, which is tucked behind an old schoolhouse on the bank of the Ottauquechee River, and a phalanx of eager employees swarms your car to take the rubbish and recycling to their respective containers. Lynds' assistant, Bobbi Jean, eyeballs your load and smiles as she gives you a seemingly arbitrary bill. In a matter of minutes, the detritus of your existence is in your rear-view mirror, the temporary ward of ABLE Waste.

Lynds took some time between hauls to explain what he does, but issued a modest disclaimer: "This is a very secretive industry," he warned, "but only because it's so complicated."

SEVEN DAYS: What is "Fast Trash"?

ART LYNDS: It's a state-mandated program. The State of Vermont wanted towns to provide some sort of recycling for town residents, so all the towns had to provide a drop-off location or have a transfer station. It's actually more of a recycling program than a trash program. In fact, we recycle as much tonnage as we take in trash; it's almost 50-50.

SD: Where does the trash go?

AL: From your car into our truck. That truck goes to a transfer station, which happens to be ours, where it sits until Monday morning, and then it goes to a facility and gets unloaded.

SD: Where's the facility?

AL: Bridgewater is in the Greater Upper Valley Waste District, but the trash actually goes to Rutland. Then it gets loaded into another truck and transferred to Albany, New York, to an incinerator, where it gets co-generated into electricity.

SD: What about the recycling — where does that go?

AL: All our programs are single-stream, which means that all your recyclables go in the same container. All your newspapers, your glass, your magazines, your tin cans — we take it all commingled. Then it goes to Chittenden County, to a processing plant owned by Casella. There it gets separated mechanically and by hand — I think they process a couple hundred tons per day. Out of that, they get less than 3 percent waste product. The recycled product then gets shipped all over the country and comes back in your car or your glass or your kids' toys.

SD: How do you make money hauling trash?

AL: The waste hauler pays for trash by the ton — the facility charges us so many dollars per ton of trash. We translate that into pennies per pound, which dictates how much we can charge for a bag of trash, so that it covers the cost of the trash, our labor, trucking, etc. It all has to do with trucking time. The waste world, really, is just a specialized trucking company.

SD: Can you explain the economics of recycling?

AL: Recycling is not free. A lot of recycling programs are funded with town tax dollars. But then there's metal, which is almost a zero-cost system, since we can sell it and recoup our trucking costs. On a Fast Trash program, sometimes your trash cost is a bit higher to subsidize some of the recycling cost. The trash part of "Fast trash" is to lure the people there, but the goal is to reduce as much waste as possible.

SD: How has recycling changed since you got into the business?

AL: When we first started recycling, the state didn't even mandate that each town recycle. And it all had to be individually separated. It was very hard, and it took a long time, and you needed 10 different containers to keep it all in. So, the first real change was from sort-separated to dual-stream recycling. But then the whole world got recycle-conscious, and — bang! — we created a market.

For example, Chittenden County's program is a state-of-the-art system, because it has curbside single-stream pick-up, and they compact it to fit more on a load, which makes it more cost-effective. Hopefully, that catches on and the state figures out a way to get curbside single-stream programs off and running. Recycling now is also about education. If people don't know that they can help the environment by recycling, then they just won't do it. And we need to start with the kids and the schools, because it's actually a fun subject.

SD: What's the weirdest thing you've seen thrown away?

AL: We find more valuable things than weird things. Treadmills, shovels, gas grills. People think that when they're done with it, nobody else can use it. Same goes for clothes and toys. This is a wasteful generation. I'm sorry, but we are. We throw it away and we go buy new. And we shouldn't.

SD: We've come a long way since the days when people burned trash in barrels in their backyards. What still needs to be done to lessen the environmental impact of waste?

AL: We need to promote recycling, waste reduction and reuse. We need to educate. The state needs to step in and make it mandatory for every school to recycle. Lastly, we need funding mechanisms. It has to be cost-effective for the hauler. The waste hauler is doing a lot more than one would think to promote recycling.

SD: What about innovations? Any big breakthroughs in the technology of waste reduction?

AL: The transition from separate recyclables to single stream — that's been amazing. On the construction end, they've started to make building materials out of all-recycled product. If we can make all our 2x4s out of waste product, then we'll be way ahead.

SD: What are the most commonly asked questions about trash disposal and recycling?

AL: For trash, it's "How much is it going to cost me?" Because no one wants to pay too much. For recycling, it's "Can I recycle this?" Now, thanks to the industry innovations, we can take numbers 3, 5 and 6 plastics. That's a very commonly asked question: "Why can't I recycle this?"

SD: What do you love about your job?

AL: The people. We have a very personalized company. We take a lot of time to deal with every individual person's situation as if it were our own.

SD: What's the most challenging part of your job?

AL: The frustration of not being able to achieve the recycling and reduction goals that should be met. That has nothing to with legality, but what we *should* be doing.

hackie BY JERNIGAN PONTIAC

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Ghoulish Tips

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Halloween fell on a Wednesday this year. The bulk of the celebration — and I'm speaking here of the adult division — took place over the preceding weekend. On both Friday and Saturday night, downtown Burlington was awash in slutty nurses and purple-suited pimps. The relatively mild weather allowed the women to indulge their more risqué fantasies, it appeared.

I worked late on Halloween night itself. Though it wasn't quite as busy as the weekend, folks just can't seem to get enough of this most pagan of holidays, and downtown rocked once again.

Sometime after midnight, a couple hailed me from the corner of Church and Main. For the evening festivities, the guy had transformed himself into a convincing algae-skinned ghoul — sickly green being *de rigueur* for the undead complexion — and his partner was the sexiest Little Bo Peep you could imagine, long legged and complete with bonnet and hooked shaft. I thought, *If I was one of her sheep, I'd never get lost.* Hey, now.

Wobbling, they leaned against each other as they eased over to my waiting cab and plopped into the back seat. The man gave me the location — one of the newer upscale condo developments that have sprung up on the paved-over fields of Williston.

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"Those are some gorgeous homes in that cluster," I mentioned as we U-turned at the next corner and headed east. "I have a semi-regular customer who lives there. I can't remember his name, but he owns one of the most popular bars in town."

"Would his name be Trent?" the man asked matter-of-factly.

"Yeah, actually, I think that is his name. D'ya know him?"

"Yup, I do," he said, and he and his girlfriend began laughing their asses off. "It's me."

"Oh, jeez," I said. "I feel like a total numbskull. Sorry, man — I just didn't recognize you under all the makeup."

Trent didn't respond, as he had begun to make out with Little Bo Peep — and how naughty is that? For the remainder of the ride up Williston Road, the passionate smooching alternated with an equally intense argument. I can't remember the specifics, but the gist was as follows:

Little Bo Peep: You're not *hearing me.* This is what I *feel.*

Green Guy: Honey, I *do,* but you don't understand that you're not making sense.

Sound familiar?

We crossed Taft Corners, sped by the driving range and, after a couple lefts and rights, arrived at Trent's condo. I pulled into his driveway and said, "Sixteen bucks, folks."

Trent said, "Hang on a sec. I got it here somewhere. Lemme get out so I can get into my pockets easier."

He stepped out on the left side as his girlfriend got out on the right. She stood there looking bored, and then impatient, as Trent laboriously investigated his many pants and jacket compartments. Finally, she leaned her staff against the front fender, reached into her bra and extracted a folded twenty.

"Take this," she said, opening the front door and handing me the bill. "We're good," she added, grabbing her staff and turning to walk up to the house entrance.

Just as I called out thanks, Trent yelled, "*Here* we go." I spun back around to see him posing proudly, a wad of bills clutched in his right hand and held above his head in the manner of the Statue of Liberty. He said, "Here you go, buddy," and peeled off a twenty, then placed it into my hand through the open window.

"Trent," I said, "your girlfriend already paid me."

"See ya," he non-replied, and began walking away.

That was when I faced an ethical quandary. In his inebriated state, I doubted Trent grasped what I had just told him, so it might not have been his intention to tip me an *additional* $20. But the situation was ambiguous; he might have known exactly what he was doing. After all, the guy was raking it in every night in a mostly cash business, and he'd been generous on past rides — though not to the tune of 100 percent gratuities.

By the time I had completed this convoluted mental analysis, he was already walking through his front door, which means I would have had to get out, ring his bell and explain the situation. "Now, Trent, knowing all the facts, do you still want me to keep the other twenty?"

Nope, that ain't gonna happen, I decided, and backed out of the driveway.

The working environment I negotiate daily as a cabdriver is decidedly modest — not exactly high stakes. Year after year I ply the streets of Chittenden County, checking my alignment against my moral compass. But the roads twist and turn. Often a choice I face is not black and white; it's gray, or some other color I can't even make out.

Perhaps, I considered on the ride back to town, *my compass needs recalibration.*

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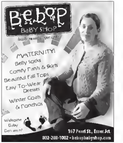

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On the Obama Bus

Vermonters travel to New Hampshire to canvas for a senator from Illinois

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Last Saturday, about two dozen Vermonters ranging in age from 17 to 72 schlepped through the streets of Littleton, New Hampshire, on behalf of a presidential candidate they believe can transform American politics. Contrary to what some might suppose, Barack Obama's longstanding and well-advertised opposition to the war in Iraq wasn't the main motivation for these volunteers. Instead, most were inspired by what they see as the Illinois senator's shining example of honesty and inclusive leadership.

Not that all the Obama activists are wide-eyed idealists. Though a certain degree of altruism seems required for traveling two hours to knock on strangers' doors, many of the younger canvassers offered pragmatic perspectives that traditional Vermonters may readily relate to.

In fact, the vibe among the students on this yellow school bus bound for Littleton, just across the Connecticut River from St. Johnsbury, would probably have seemed way square to their "Clean for Gene" ancestors, who carpet-bagged to New Hampshire 40 years earlier. Back in 1967, helping Senator Eugene McCarthy attempt to unseat President Lyndon Johnson — and thereby end the war in Vietnam — was just one item on an agenda driven by dreams of revolution, personal as well as political.

The hippies who got haircuts probably didn't fool many of the New Hampshirites they'd come to convert. But they did help spark an antiwar rebellion that almost nobody knew was brewing in the then-solidly conservative Granite State.

New Hampshire has since grown more moderate. And today's political attitudes may prove surprisingly congruent with the mellower message delivered by Obama, who presents himself as a unifier.

Perhaps the voters in the nation's first presidential primary will be persuaded to think like Dana Jokela, a University of Vermont senior who has become politically active for the first time. He described Obama as "progressive, but having a realistic stance on most issues." The candidate's emphasis on looking past labels resonates with Jokela. He said Obama "treats everyone as a person, not as a Republican or Democrat."

Littleton is primed for a nuanced pitch like Obama's. The latest American war doesn't appear to be a divisive issue in this town of 6400 residents. "I thought the number one issue would be Iraq, but it's what affects people personally," said canvasser Bill Masterson, a retired Defense Department official who lives in Lincoln. He cited the example of a mother who wanted to discuss deficiencies in her child's special-education program.

Locals seem much more interested in Obama's positions now than they did a few months ago, added Tom Brown, a volunteer from Colchester who canvassed the same Littleton neighborhood in August. Brown also found that, while support for Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton may be broad, "it's about an inch deep."

A *Boston Globe* poll released on November 11 confirms Brown's impressions. The survey shows Clinton leading runner-up Obama in New Hampshire by a 35-21 percent margin — 9 points less than in September. And voters are being swayed by the same Honest Obama image that the Vermont volunteers find so appealing. Asked which candidate is "most trustworthy," 26 percent of those surveyed chose Obama, while 19 percent named Clinton.

"He's an honest guy," Will Robb of Burlington said when asked to pinpoint his top reason for supporting Obama. "When he talks about a policy, it's not like he's moving pieces around on a chessboard."

It's hard to miss the reference to Clinton there. But, like most of the Vermonters traveling to Littleton, Robb was reluctant to criticize the New York senator directly. Perhaps it's because campaign organizers instruct canvassers to speak no ill of other candidates — or perhaps a genuinely positive outlook comes easily to Obama supporters.

"I feel hope for the first time in decades," said Gail Neale, a 72-year-old Burlingtonian. She rattled off the Obama attributes that hearten her: "honesty, integrity, guts, ability."

In keeping with that generally measured approach, some Obama

Obama treats everyone as a person, not as a Republican or Democrat

DANA JOKELA, UVM SENIOR

backers expressed only mild excitement about the possibility of the United States electing its first black president. "Being an African-American is an important factor," said Jokela, the UVM senior, "but it's not what's pushing me to support him." Jokela and his classmate Peter Merritt, both majoring in ecological agriculture, identified climate change as the issue that most concerns them.

Race does matter, Brown interjected. The retired air traffic controller suggested that Obama's racial heritage — he was born to a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas — could help reduce hostility toward the United States in the developing world. "If you're a 14-year-old boy in Pakistan, the only American presidents you've seen are Bill Clinton and George W. Bush," Brown said. "Obama has the same skin color as you. His grandmother is living in a mud hut in Africa. And he's had absolutely nothing to do with the war in Iraq."

John Wong, a Chinese American from Rochester, also highlighted Obama's African descent. "He represents a changing America, a new America," Wong said. "Most minorities growing up before World War II would say, 'I'm white' as a way of trying to get ahead. Now they can see it's possible for their children to grow up to be president."

What about gender politics? Just as they downplayed the salience of Obama's skin color, many of the women on the bus said a candidate's sex should not be a major consideration. "I'd say it's more important to have a black than a woman as president, if I were to think that way," Neale commented. "But it makes about as much sense to support someone because they're red-headed."

"Having a woman elected would be positive, but to vote for her just because she's a woman would be counterproductive," added Zino Ward, a senior at Essex High School. "That would implicitly be saying gender should be a criterion."

Pressed to say what keeps them off the Hillary bandwagon, Obama supporters en route to Littleton cited a variety of negatives. "She's carrying too much baggage," suggested Katie O'Neill, a first-year student at UVM. "What happened with her husband means she can't get broad support," O'Neill added, in reference to Bill Clinton's Oval Office sex scandal.

Ida Griswold of Burlington said the former First Lady has diluted her political identity. "I liked her when she was in the White House, but I don't

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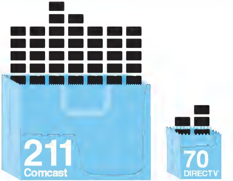

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know who Hillary Clinton is anymore," Gatwood said. "She never gives clear answers."

Brown, the unofficial organizer of the Littleton trip, weighed in. "Nobody's more Washington establishment than Clinton. Electing her would be a continuation of the dynasty of cronyism."

On arrival in Littleton, the Vermonters were ushered into a nondescript office building on Main Street, where a pair of peppy New Hampshire organizers explained canvassing procedures. The visiting volunteers were briefed on how to introduce themselves to locals and how to respond to a variety of comments about Obama and other candidates. They received instructions for filling out an evaluation form for each household. Circling "1" signifies that a voter is willing to sign a pledge card for Obama. "2" means the person at the door favors Obama but not fully committed. "3" is for the undecided, accompanied by an "L" in cases where the voter appears to be leaning toward Obama. "4" indicates support for another candidate.

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> **WILL ROBB**

Will Robb and Peter Merritt moved in tandem as they embarked on their separate rounds in a working-class neighborhood with a view of snow-capped Mount Washington. "I always get a little nervous before I start doing this," said Robb, who occasionally canvasses on behalf of Progressive candidates in Burlington.

Many knocks went unanswered, and the volunteers stuffed Obama for President literature under door handles at those houses. A couple of residents were downright rude in telling the canvassers they were not interested in Obama. After three hours on Littleton's wind-swept streets, neither Robb nor Merritt had checked a single "1" or "2" on his sheet.

Other volunteers reported similar experiences when the Vermont crew regrouped for pizza at the Main Street headquarters, prior to heading back to Burlington. Neale, however, said she'd found "wild enthusiasm" for Obama at a senior housing project in the nearby town of Whitefield. "They were just nuts for Barack," she added.

Despite the generally tepid results of the Vermonters' efforts, the New Hampshire organizers whooped up the day's significance. Tallies showed the volunteers had knocked on 272 doors in Littleton — a town with 699 registered Democrats.

Zion Ward and another Essex High School senior both left the numbers "1" and "2" unchecked on their sheets. But Ward wasn't discouraged in the least, saying she will "definitely" canvass for Obama again. Even Clinton supporters would have to regard the 17-year-old's enthusiasm for grassroots politics as a beautiful thing. ⓒ

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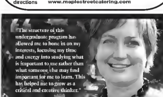
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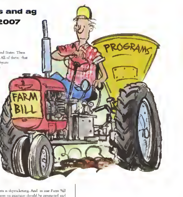
Vermont farmers, activists and ag experts weigh in on the 2007 federal Farm Bill



Picture a 3000-mile-long dinner table spanning the United States. Then imagine all 303 million Americans sitting down to eat. All of them, that is, except for members of Congress and a bunch of lobbyists and farm activists, who are in the kitchen planning the menu.

Welcome to the 2007 Farm Bill. Every five years, policymakers draft a massive piece of legislation that virtually no one — including the lawmakers themselves — can wrap their head around. This year's bill tips the scales at more than 1500 pages, with an estimated price tag of nearly $300 billion. For the next five years, this bill will go a long way toward determining what we grow, what we eat, and whose wallets and waistbands grow the widest.

What does the Farm Bill have to do with ordinary Vermonters? For starters, it will help keep local dairy farmers afloat if milk prices go sour. It will help Vermont's organic sector, the largest per capita in the nation, keep its farms certified and its market viable. It will help stock Vermont's food shelves, and offer schoolchildren more nutritious lunches. The Green Mountain State will also reap bountiful harvests from other, non-farm related programs included in the omnibus bill, such as those that fund renewable energy, Lake Champlain restoration and rural broadband development.

Beyond the dollars and cents, cultural changes are afoot. This year's farm bill debate marks a watershed moment in consumer consciousness. Citizens and media outlets are more involved than ever before in shaping federal food policy; terms such as "fair trade," "sustainable" and "carbon footprint" are now commonly heard around American dinner tables. Likewise, the number of farmers' markets is skyrocketing. And, as one Farm Bill expert observes, politicians have increasingly been looking into which farming practices should be promoted and which ones should lie fallow.

"The Farm Bill used to be this good ol' boy love fest," notes Dave Rogers, policy advisor for the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont. "It's gotten a lot more complicated for traditional agricultural interests — the ones who always ran the game — because consumers, citizens, environmentalists and organizations have gotten involved."

Rogers suggests that Vermont is ahead of the curve in this brand of engagement — just ask any localvore activist. In that spirit, *Seven Days* took a bite out of the Farm Bill and asked local farmers, activists and ag experts to chew the fat on milk, food, farming, hunger and whatever else came to mind. We then compressed their responses into easily digestible portions.

Admittedly, not everything in the Farm Bill is easy to swallow. But at the very least, it should prompt all of us to take a closer look at what's in the fridge, and how it got there.

DOUG O'BRIEN

CEO,
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What's filling his grocery bags: $5 million in new federal food assistance for Vermont

Food banks and emergency food pantries are the "canaries in the coal mine," says Doug O'Brien, because their clientele reflects economic downturns long before the warning signs appear in government statistics. For the last several years, the Vermont Foodbank and its 240 member organizations statewide have experienced "significant increases in demand" for their services. In the last year alone, the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf has seen a 30 percent rise in the number of people seeking emergency food assistance.

Currently, some 50,000 Vermonters are on food stamps, and 60,000 receive some other form of food assistance. The 2007 Farm Bill greatly expands its availability, bringing an additional $5 million into Vermont over the next five years.

"This matters. One in 10 Vermonters is directly impacted by what's in this Farm Bill," O'Brien notes. "It will help families get through a difficult winter, and hopefully on the path where they don't have to go to a food shelf."

This is the fourth Farm Bill O'Brien has worked on — he was an aide to Sen. Patrick Leahy when the latter chaired the Senate agriculture committee. But O'Brien sees this Farm Bill having a much broader influence than did previous ones. "It's about trade, it's about foreign policy, it's about energy policy, and it's about very broad issues of conservation," he explains. "If you wear clothes and you eat, this bill affects you."

WALTER JEFFRIES

Pig farmer, Sugar Mountain Farm
West Topsham

What gets him hog wild: authorization of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), and all federal subsidies

Walter Jeffries has been farming and homesteading for more than 15 years. His small, diversified family farm in Orange primarily raises pigs — currently, he has about 40 breeder sows and 200 grower pigs, which will eventually be sold to local stores and restaurants.

Jeffries is incensed by the inclusion of NAIS in the 2007 Farm Bill. This controversial program would require virtually everyone who raises livestock — from the 10,000-head cattle ranch to the small, mom-and-pop egg farm — to register their premises with the government and assign tracking numbers to all their animals. Computer chips would be implanted in all livestock — with the cost borne by farmers — so that each animal's location and origin could be easily traced in the event of an epidemic or food scare.

"It's absurd that they're putting the financial burden of NAIS on the small producers," says Jeffries, who created a website — www.NoNAIS.org — to fight this program. "If you look at where the food safety issues are, they're all *after* slaughter."

Jeffries also wants Congress to drop *all* government subsidies, not just those for farmers. "Something like 96 percent of subsidies go to big agriculture and other large corporations in other sectors," he says. "We really don't need to be taking our money and paying them so that they can make bigger profits."

DAVE ZUCKERMAN

State legislator and farmer,
Full Moon Farm
Burlington

His pick for Farm Bill's cream of the crop: expansion of the MILC program

Besides chairing the House Agriculture Committee, Dave Zuckerman (P-Burlington) farms vegetables with his wife in the Intervale. He admits he hasn't followed all the political wheeling and dealing on the 2007 Farm Bill — Vermont's congressional delegation is better positioned to do that. Nevertheless, Zuckerman sees this bill bringing lots of benefits home to the Green Mountain State.

Chief among them are improvements to the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program, which indemnifies dairy farmers whenever milk prices drop below a certain threshold. As Zuckerman points out, Vermont is the most single-commodity-dependent of all the nation's ag states, with milk revenues representing about 75 percent of all farm receipts. Needless to say, he's heartened that Congress wants to expand the eligibility for MILC and the percentage of assistance it pays to dairy farmers when milk prices go bad.

Zuckerman is pleased with this bill's emphasis on so-called "specialty crops" — a euphemism, he notes, for produce other than the "big five" commodities, i.e., wheat, corn, soybeans, cotton and rice. He's also happy

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with the shift toward more organic research, conservation soil management and alternative fuels

Why should Vermonters care about the 2007 Farm Bill? "Certainly, any new farmers who get nutritional support should be interested," Zuckerman says. "But also, anyone who wants farming to continue as a cultural staple in this state ought to care because these programs and this bill will dictate the direction of agriculture for the next five years."

SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS

Burlington & Washington, D.C.

Where Bernie sees promising yields: $4.3 billion for nutritional programs, expansion of MILC eligibility to 90 percent of dairy farmers, $270 million for biofuels

What gets his goat: billions in subsidies for wealthy farmers and agribusiness

Vermont's junior senator doesn't serve on the Senate agriculture committee, but he and his staff have logged plenty of hours on the Farm Bill. Sanders has gotten one amendment accepted so far: a program to help low-income schoolchildren learn how to garden and raise their own vegetables. It's part of the bill's emphasis on fighting the epidemic of obesity in America.

Sanders also supports this bill's efforts to address such issues as global warming, the loss of small family farms, and hunger. "To my mind, it's a national embarrassment in the richest country on the world that we have 35 million people, some 12 percent of our population, who go hungry at some point in the year," he says. In fact, Sanders plans to force a floor debate on the issue by introducing a bill to eliminate hunger in the United States within five years.

Sanders admits that, while this Farm Bill is far from perfect, it's better than many previous editions. "Obviously, I don't think that agribusiness and wealthy farmers need the kind of support that they're getting," he says. "But if you are concerned about poverty and hunger in America and if you're concerned about obesity, you're concerned about the Farm Bill."

RACHEL JOHNSON

Dean, University of Vermont College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Burlington

What she thinks is sweet in the Farm Bill: the fresh fruit and vegetable program

What ought to be composted: federal corn subsidies

With a background as a dietician, Rachel Johnson believes the 2007 Farm Bill is as much about eating as it is about farming. She hopes this bill goes further than previous ones in addressing America's unhealthy sugar addiction, especially to high fructose corn syrup.

"I'm very concerned about the obesity epidemic in this country, particularly among children," Johnson says. "I'm always hoping the Farm Bill will somehow align what we know constitutes a healthy diet with [changes to] the farm and commodity supports."

Johnson is especially pleased that Congress is expanding the fresh fruit and vegetable program. Currently, it provides enough funding to serve 175,000 elementary school kids nationwide; the 2007 Farm Bill increases that figure to 4.5 million. "My hope is that Vermont schoolchildren will be part of that 4.5 million because it's a tremendous way to encourage fruit and vegetable consumption," she says. "We know that exposure to new foods at an early age over time leads to a preference for those foods."

Johnson also wants more funding for agricultural research, especially in the fields of nutrition, environmental conservation and sustainable food systems.

Why Vermonters should care: "It's a *huge* bill!" she declares. "It impacts everything we eat and the price of our food."

TIM BUSKEY

Administrator, Vermont Farm Bureau
Richmond

Where he sees the 2007 Farm Bill's biggest cow flop: failure to create a guest-worker program for foreign dairy workers

As the self-described "Voice of Vermont Agriculture," the Vermont Farm Bureau has worked on a variety of provisions in the Farm Bill that could benefit Vermont producers. Among them was the AgJOBS. This amendment, which began as a stand-alone bill, would have created a temporary guest worker program for year-round farmhands. It would also have provided a mechanism for legalizing undocumented workers who have been in the country for at least a year.

Buskey sees such a program as critically important to Vermont's ag economy, since between 50 and 75 percent of the state's dairy farms rely on foreign laborers. It's widely acknowledged that most of the estimated 2000 to 3000 foreign dairy workers in Vermont — most from Mexico — are in this country illegally. However, dairy farms cannot avail themselves of other federal guest-worker programs because those programs are seasonal in nature. As Buskey notes, "We don't stop milking the cows at a certain time of the year."

Late last week, Buskey learned that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) won't be including the AgJOBS program in this Farm Bill. Though Vermont's congressional delegation has been supportive of the measure, Buskey says Sanders has concerns about how its provisions would affect domestic wages. "Obviously, we're disappointed," he adds.

DAVE ROGERS

Policy advisor, Northeast Organic Farming Association
Waterbury

Farm Bill's bumper crop, in his view: more funding for organic farm conversion, certification and research

Dave Rogers knows all too well how quickly a federal Farm Bill can become "a big, multiheaded beast." For 28 years, he taught ag policy and ethics at the University of Vermont, including the history of Farm Bills dating back to the 1930s. "It's like a $300 billion grab bag over five years," he says. "There's something in there for everybody."

This time, though, Rogers is down in the trenches himself, slugging it out on behalf of NOFA Vermont. As he explains, organic farming usually gets short shrift in Farm Bills. Despite being the fastest-growing sector of the food economy — organics now account for 3 percent of all retail food sales — it gets just 0.6 percent of federal research dollars.

Not this time. NOFA Vermont, working with the National Organic Coalition, has been able to boost that funding threefold, to $16 million per year over five years. Though the sum is still "a pittance," Rogers says, this bill offers more technical and financial help to farmers who want to convert to organic farming and maintain their certification.

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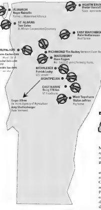

The conservation portion of the bill also better acknowledges the role of organic farming in meeting federal standards for animal waste management and soil and water protection. "All of that stuff is money the federal government shovels to farmers, often in huge amounts, to get them to clean up their act," Rogers notes. "In organic farming, we do all that already and the cost is paid for in the marketplace."

"People understand now that the Farm Bill concerns them. It concerns their families, it concerns their communities, it concerns the environment," he adds. "All you have to do is open your refrigerator door and the Farm Bill is staring back at you."

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

Middlesex & Washington, D.C.

What curdles his milk: a potential Bush veto of MILC

Senator Leahy has seen a Farm Bill or two in his day. The six-term Democrat, who lives on a tree farm when he's not in the nation's capital, wrote the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 while chairing the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

Leahy has since stepped down as ag chair, though he still serves on the committee. What's on his farm-bill radar this time? Organics. The 2007 bill will help more conventional farmers make the transition to organic cultivation practices.

"I spent nearly 10 years trying to get an organic title through, over enormous opposition," Leahy reflects. He suggests the Farm Bill will "preserve" work on organics that's been done since 1990, adding that he's jazzed about a host of other provisions related to nutrition and water quality.

Of course, there's also milk — Vermont's $350 million dairy industry. In 2002, Leahy helped create the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC), which helps dairy farmers survive rough stretches. In 2005, he helped secure MILC funding through September of this year. Now, despite a Bush veto threat, the senator is trying to extend the program through 2012.

What about the oft-heard complaint that federal farm policy merely preserves the status quo of corporate farming? Leahy calls that an "unrealistic" concern. "When you're dealing with an administration that's not helpful in these areas," he says, "sometimes a holding action is a victory."

In spite of his assertion, Leahy has yet to take a position on a much-publicized, still-pending 2007 Farm Bill amendment. Sponsored by Midwestern senators Charles Grassley and Byron Dorgan, the amendment would cap subsidies to farms at $250,000; left-leaning journalists and reputable food advocacy groups claim the legislation would limit corporate control of U.S. food systems.

ROGER ALBEE

VT Agency of Agriculture, Montpelier

Pest he says threatens ag funding: the Iraq war

Who's afraid of Washington politicos? Not Roger Albee. Despite overseeing a state agency, he isn't afraid to talk smack about federal policymaking. He wishes the war in Iraq, for example, weren't siphoning funds away from renewable-energy projects.

Ten months ago, Albee took the reins of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. So it makes sense that he supports a wagon full of Farm Bill provisions, including reauthorization of MILC, research into value-added ag products, and beefed-up nutrition programs.

Still, Albee is skeptical of the feds. Previous "Farm Bills ... didn't tend to be partisan," says the former staffer to Sen. Jim Jeffords. "People could agree on issues without getting into political debates. Washington's become more polarized, unfortunately."

"I'm not down there every day," he adds. "But when the bill went through on the House side this time, it was the first time you actually saw one party, by and large, arguing for a bill not being passed on the floor." Albee says he would almost liken those recent negotiations to a "political log jam."

TOM GATES

Cooperative relations manager, St. Albans Cooperative Creamery

Tops on his Farm Bill wish list: help with rising energy costs

Tom Gates knows milk. He ought to. The guy has been managing public relations at the only Vermont-based dairy co-op in the state for two years. The 500-member cooperative produces 1.26 billion pounds of milk annually, about half of which is processed in Franklin County. The rest is sent to such dairy bigwigs as Ben & Jerry's and HP Hood.

According to Gates, the 2007 Farm Bill builds on its 2002 predecessor in three ways. First, Leahy's prized MILC program would expand to include dairy farmers with larger herds. Second, milkers would be eligible to receive more in direct payments when milk prices tank — as they did last year. Finally, the Farm Bill may also increase funding of a federal dairy promotion program.

Despite his enthusiasm, Gates says Congress could do better. He notes, for instance, that the feds don't factor the rising cost of fuel into dairy subsidies. With oil prices skyrocketing, that's a big deal.

Gates sees some movement in that direction. "Certainly there's no guarantee," he says. "But we're hopeful there will be some positive discussion regarding feed and energy."

BILL ROWELL

Dairy farmer, wood-chip producer, Sheldon

His biggest Farm Bill beef: corn subsidies

Most Vermonters probably know that the Farm Bill sets agricultural policy. But the bill also touches on the seemingly distinct topic of renewable energy. Just ask Bill Rowell. He has horses in both races.

Rowell, a longtime Sheldon dairyman who sits on the state's Rural Development Committee, is also the oldest supplier of wood chips to Burlington's McNeil Generating Station. In March, he became the third member of Central Vermont Public Service's "Cow Power" program, which helps farmers convert manure to energy via methane digesters. Rowell's dairy farm produces 10 million gallons of manure annually. Now, thanks in part to USDA grant money, that poop powers between 250 and 300 homes.

What does Rowell think of proposed farm-bill provisions on renewable energy? Citing a common conrefrain, Rowell suggests the government's multi-billion-dollar love affair with corn-based ethanol is shortsighted. "What I don't like about subsidizing ethanol production is we're taking a resource and making a waste stream out of it," Rowell gripes. "We need to be using up the waste stream we already *have* as a resource."

ROGER RAINVILLE

Chair, Farmer's Watershed Alliance, Alburgh

What he's gunning for: engineering bucks

Back in 1996, Sen. Patrick Leahy created the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) to help fund Lake Champlain clean-up efforts. If the senator has his way this fall, EQIP will draw more than a billion dollars per year from future farm-bill coffers.

In Vermont, which has the highest average EQIP contract in the nation, program funds usually finance construction of manure pits, which help prevent pollution of Lake Champlain. EQIP benefits farmers such as Roger Rainville, whose Farmer's Watershed Alliance monitors water quality in the Missisquoi Bay watershed. FWA conducts water-quality measurements for 200 dairy farmers in Franklin and Grand Isle counties.

But Rainville isn't completely satisfied with EQIP. The program is helpful, he says, but not helpful enough. FWA needs more cash to cover its engineering fees.

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Percentage of U.S. farmers responsible for 72 percent of total U.S. ag sales, 2002

10
Percentage of commodity-subsidy beneficiaries receiving two-thirds of total farm subsidies, 2001-2005

93
Percentage of farm subsidies going to five products (corn, wheat, rice, soybeans, cotton), 2006

$8605
Average yearly income for U.S. farm worker, 2002

3 out of 4
Proportion of U.S. farm workers hailing from Mexico, 2001-2002

51
Percentage of farm workers living in poverty, 2002

26,632,179
Number of Americans receiving food stamps, August 2007

33
Percentage of American adults considered obese, 2004

15.7
Wal-Mart's share of U.S. grocery sales, 2004

4
Inches of "feeder space" allotted to typical factory-farmed chicken

SOURCES: USDA, Environmental Working Group, National Family Farm Coalition, Food and Water Watch, Farm Sanctuary, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

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6300
Number of VT farms, 2006

189
Average acreage of a VT farm, 2002

21
Farmland as percentage of total VT land area, 2002

56
Average age of principal VT farm operator, 2002

$553,220,000
VT agricultural output, 2006

$103,194,000
Net VT farm income, 2006

70.5
Dairy industry's percentage of total VT farm receipts, 2006

48
Dairy industry's percentage of total VT conservation and commodity subsidies, 2003-2005

1 in 5
Organic dairies relative to total dairy farms, 2007

40
VT's national ranking for farm-subsidy receipts, 2003-2005

$7,666,000
Average annual subsidies and direct payments received by VT farmers, 2003-2005

$60,540
Average annual individual subsidy for top three VT "farm businesses," 2003-2005

20
Number of registered VT agricultural lobbyists, 2007-2008

65,040
Number of VT residents eligible for food stamps, 2004

30
Percentage rise in household food-assistance requests to Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, 2006-2007

5 million
Number of gallons of biodiesel consumed statewide, 2007 prediction

SOURCES: USDA, NOFA VT, Vermont Secretary of State, Vermont Biodiesel Project, Environmental Working Group

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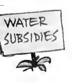

farm project is $15,000 to $20,000 just for the engineering part of it," Rainville explains, "and that comes out of a farmer's pocket. The EQIP program needs some restructuring to make it work in Vermont and the Northeast, and we're hoping to get the message across to Washington."

AMY SHOLLENBERGER

Director, Rural Vermont
Montpelier

Shollenberger to Leahy: Throw family farmers a bone!

Amy Shollenberger directs Rural Vermont, the state's principal family-farm advocacy group. For years, her organization has led the charge against genetically modified organisms (GMOs). No surprise, then, that she thinks the 2007 Farm Bill gets too cozy with Big Ag.

Shollenberger has two specific concerns. First, she worries that the bill gives "backhanded" approval to NAIS. She also wonders why Leahy hasn't done more to promote "reasonable scale" agriculture in his support of the EQIP water-quality program. Leahy is seeking to extend EQIP benefits to larger farms.

For the most part, Shollenberger is staying clear of Washington. "We made an organizational decision that we could only affect so much on the Farm Bill, so it wasn't our top-tier issue this year, although we are monitoring it," she says. "The Farm Bill is all about the commodity food industry. That's not to say there aren't good things in it . . . but they're a relatively small piece."

There's plenty going on in Vermont to keep her busy. "The farmers that we're working with," Shollenberger explains, "have basically said, 'It's the Farm Bill, we don't have a lot of control over what happens to it, so let's focus on the opportunities we have here in the state to make some progress.'"

DEXTER RANDALL

State legislator, dairy farmer, activist
North Troy

Where he sees something rotten in the Farm Bill: Subsidies hurt foreign farmers.

Last summer, Dexter Randall traveled to western Africa to visit with small-scale farmers. "It was a long way to go for a little guy like me," he recalls.

On the surface, Randall's daily grind doesn't seem to have international scope — he's been milking cows in the Northeast Kingdom for decades. But this activist-turned-legislator points out that commodity subsidies to American farmers have devastating global implications.

"I've been to Nicaragua and talked with coffee farmers down there, and I've also been to Mali and talked with cotton farmers over *there*," he says. "The lion's share of subsidies in the Farm Bill are going to huge corporate farms; they're doing nothing but causing overproduction and driving down rural prices."

HELM NOTTERMANN

Beef farmer, East Hardwick

His Farm Bill *cri de coeur*: Free the burgers!

Most of the time, Helm Nottermann doesn't pay much attention to federal farm policy. Why should he? Every winter, the 68-year-old former dairyman quietly raises about 25 grass-fed Holsteins for slaughter on his East Hardwick homestead. Come summer, Nottermann packs his patties into a solar-powered cart and wheels them to farmers' markets in Stowe, Waitsfield and Smugglers' Notch.

When he's peddling product, out-of-state tourists and business owners ask Nottermann if he ships long distance. No can do. Nottermann's cows are certified by Vermont but not by the USDA. That means his meat can't be sold across state lines. "Summer people get hooked on our meat and, legally, I can't sell it to them," he laments. "To me, it's kind of absurd."

According to Rural Vermont's Amy Shollenberger, a certain Farm Bill provision could allow small farmers like Nottermann to sell state-inspected meat far and wide. Understandably, Nottermann is psyched. "It would allow me to expand locally," he explains. "You know New Hampshire is pretty close to here." ⑦

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that a right *herd*. The prey animals (now referred to as "game") have grown in numbers significantly largely due to the eradication of their predator counterparts. Thus, the "need" for hunters and the establishment of a "herded" animal. This is clearly a clever Catch-22 that has been recycling itself for the last 100 years.

There are three major threats to *all* wildlife: suburban sprawl over uncountable acres of suitable wildlife habitat, disease often caused by pollution and overcrowding, and arrogant hunters with a blood lust. These hunters convince themselves and others that shooting at "game" animals with high-caliber lead shot is in some way harmonious with nature. I cannot argue against the fact that hunters have invested money and time for the preservation of wildlife habitat, but the main motive is for the expansion of killing fields where they can harvest a target animal (usually an herbivore). Every time I hear these "stewardship stories" I cannot help but think, "What is it that makes us feel that nature somehow owes us?" Are we preserving the lake simply because it is nature and it is beautiful, or is it that you really want that 10 pound bass mounted on your wall? Perhaps it is time that we reassess what nature means to us as people. Is nature something to harvest and manipulate, or is nature something to live in harmony with for the benefit of our health and working environment?

Hunters are not "bad" people. I just cannot support the idea that target killing in a clearly domesticated system is the best way of championing wildlife conservation. I will relish the day when nature is restored to a working biosphere of real predator vs. prey relations and my grandmother puts her carving knife away and wipes the last bit of innocent blood from the dining room table. Until then, I hope the bad karma that comes with this bleak harvest won't weigh down anyone's conscience too much.

Daniel Lajoie
BURLINGTON

BAR BICKER

I grew up in Middlebury, graduated from Middlebury Union High School and my family lives in Middlebury. The young local people have never gotten along with the college students ["Townies and Cownies Square Off Over Bar Proposal," November 7]. I can remember many bar fights between them when I was a young adult. The general consensus is that the college is taking over Middlebury and buying up everything. All of the stores downtown seem to cater to the college — not your average, working-class resident.

If Middlebury College is really concerned about the local people, they will try to bring some businesses into Middlebury that are affordable and competitive. Most of the locals go to Burlington or Rutland to shop, which is ridiculous. From my past experiences, my personal opinion is that it is not a good idea for Middlebury College to open this bar. I can think of far better ways for them to interact with the community, but knowing Middlebury College, they will probably get what they want. Money talks.

Bette Harrison
ARLINGTON, VA

CIVIL CIGS

I live at 3 Cathedral Square, a HUD building managed by Cathedral Square Corp. I understand that Cathedral Square is in the process of making all its buildings smoke free and that smoking in one's private apartment will be grounds for eviction ["Smoking Ban Irritates Senior Puffers," October 17].

For me, this is not a smoking issue. I am not a smoker. It is a civil rights issue. Cigarette smoking is not illegal. Therefore, I believe it is my right to smoke in my own home. Apartments are all that many people, especially seniors, can afford, and should be considered private homes.

Discussions of smoking in apartments always lead to talk of health issues. I believe the surgeon general said that trace elements of secondhand smoke could not be erased, even with good ventilation. But what does "trace element" mean? Does anyone really know that a "trace element" of secondhand smoke is more dangerous than inhaling fumes while driving down busy highways? In any case, the health issue is not my concern right now. Civil rights are my concern.

If people wish to make cigarette smoking illegal, they should press that matter with their representatives. Right now, however, cigarette smoking is legal. I believe, therefore, that it is illegal to evict someone from their apartment because they smoke there. I believe that it is illegal to mandate that one's private space be smoke-free. Such mandates are both discriminatory and an infringement on one's civil rights.

Perhaps in light of the wars and global warming, the issue of having the right to smoke in one's own home pales. However, I believe the issue is huge and lies right at the heart of civil rights, privacy and home.

Doris Herbst
BURLINGTON

LOCAL LINGERIE

Thank you for the excellent coverage of our lingerie shop, Queen Anne's Lace, in your LocalStore Feature last week [November 7]. As you well know, we locally owned, independent businesses have to stick together in the face of growing corporatization, both locally and globally. Thanks, *Seven Days*, for taking the lead in this by putting your coverage where your values are!

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END IT NOW

Seventy Vermonters met with Peter Welch in Barre on November 11, seeking to hold him accountable for his votes funding the occupation of Iraq. On May 10, Peter voted for HR2206, which provided $100 billion to continue the occupation. Then, on May 25, he voted for the critical procedural motion that allowed that funding with no-timeline bill to come up for a final vote and pass. While Peter touts his symbolic vote against the final funding bill itself, he omits mention of his vote for the critical procedural motion that enabled the occupation to continue ["Inside Track," October 24].

Then, on September 26, Peter voted for H.J. Res. 52 that provided yet another $12 billion to continue the occupation of Iraq.

Democrats could easily end the war just by voting down war funding. Though Peter's timeline approach requires enough votes to override a veto, only a simple majority in either house is needed to vote down funding and end the war now. In fact, just 41 votes could block war funding in the senate. In the house, just one person — the speaker — can block funding bills.

A November 2 CNN poll shows 68 percent of Americans oppose the war in Iraq. Twenty-four Vermont towns voted at town meetings last March that the best way to support our soldiers is to bring each and every one of them home now. We need our Congressman to stop making excuses and start voting to end the war.

James Marc Leas
SOUTH BURLINGTON

CRITIC OVERBOARD?

In reference to Elisabeth Crean's review of *The Miss Firecracker Contest* in last week's issue ["Southern Discomfort"], I have always been under the impression that a critic's responsibility ended after comments about the production in question. All right, maybe a line or two about the playwright, but the lady doth protest too much, methinks.

L.J. Palardy
WINOOSKI

CORRECTIONS

- In the October 24 "Inside Track," *Seven Days* incorrectly identified the month of poet Grace Paley's death. She passed away in August.

- The photo that accompanied a recent review of the Burlington Chamber Orchestra was of the wrong group — a brass one. The BCO is a string ensemble.

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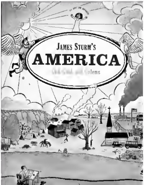

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Moving Pictures

Book review: *James Sturm's America: God, Gold, and Golems*

STORY
MATT FRASSICA

***James Sturm's America: God, Gold, and Golems* by James Sturm. Drawn & Quarterly, 181 pages. $24.95.**

I'd bet anything that James Sturm is a picker of scabs. The part-time Vermont resident and director of White River Junction's Center for Cartoon Studies specializes in graphic novels chronicling historical wounds, from scrapes to gashes. Like humorist and National Public Radio commentator Sarah Vowell, Sturm is interested in the personal stories that combine to make up a big historical fact. But Sturm's fictional tales, in their particular tragic absurdity, give us more than social history — they give us art.

Sturm's *America: God, Gold, and Golems* aims to be a history of the United States in three chapters, each of which was originally published on its own. Through these three stories, the author's America emerges as a place of racial violence, religious fervor, exploitation and cruelty — but also generosity, humanity and humor. In other words, he paints an immediately recognizable portrait of our national character.

The first story, "The Revival," opens in a dark, leafless wood in Kentucky at the turn of the 19th century. An exhausted couple trudges toward a revival camp meeting. They have walked, sleepless, for days in order to hear the preacher Elijah Young. They carry with them nothing but their faith — and the body of their daughter, dead from a snakebite. Since they have heard that "the touches heal and the fallen rise" when Young preaches, they expect a miracle. But what they find at the Cane Ridge camp meeting is a grotesque millenarian spectacle: Zealous preachers threaten end times, while their listeners fall into fits and speak in tongues. After Young fails to return the girl to life, her mother holds the body aloft and, in four excruciating panels, implores her God to do the job.

To do justice to scenes like this, Sturm employs a powerful visual technique. He sustains moments of high emotion through a series of frames that differ from one another only in small increments, as if we were observing a scene lit by a strobe light, or looking at a flipbook one page at a time.

The second story, "Hundreds of Feet Below Daylight," documents desperation and madness in a mining town in 1890s Idaho. In the opening section, two white business partners, Jem and Ned, lead a massacre of the town's Chinese residents and claim holders. Sturm renders this violence with unflinching intensity. After Jem dies in a mining accident, Ned is left with the burden of operating a barren mine — and managing impatient workers. These pressures, added to the grief of losing his beloved Jem, drive Ned to binge drinking, violent outbursts and worse. Sturm's talent for economical evocation of atmosphere lets him conjure the abandoned-carnival emptiness of the town in every frame. His rendering of imagination and dreams is creepily effective — as befits a story about the delusions of the gold rush.

But the story is about more than the ineluctable return of violence to a town consecrated by bloodshed. A second story line, in which a dying man in the care of Jem's widow turns out to possess a sack full of money, entwines with the main plot. This subplot reveals that the town's non-mining residents — women — are no less trapped than the men who blast tunnels out of the earth.

The final story, "The Golem's Mighty Swing," takes up more than half the book. Golems, soulless creatures made from mud by rabbis, have been lumbering through popular culture recently as Jewish avengers. In Sturm's take on the golem myth, a barnstorming baseball team of the 1920s called the Stars of David decide to costume their lone black player, Henry Bell, as a golem of sorts. They hire a publicist to hype the game, and the golem gimmick fills the stands. But, as with the legendary Golem of Prague, this creature has unintended, violent consequences.

The graphic novelist, like a film director, tells a story through images as much as words. And reading Sturm is a little like watching Alfred Hitchcock direct a Todd Solondz script — he's got the eye-catching compositions of the auteur and the intense, painful curiosity of the squirm-inducing scribe. His landscapes are particularly expressive. When the Stars of David bus winds through hilly country at night, the queasy, unpredictable topography calls to mind Krazy Kat and Van Gogh in equal parts. Sturm makes us feel by making us see — especially when his characters fall silent. His use of atmospheric detail, montage and body language turns speechless sequences into chamber dramas.

The power of Sturm's graphic novels comes from his use of this cinematic technique to tell complex stories. And, like most good historical fiction, from his insights into plausibly human characters. By illustrating historical moments through flawed, sympathetic figures, he gives his stories literary depth. Like many authors of historical fiction, Sturm's really writing about our present. After all, what's more American than baseball, greed and bigotry?

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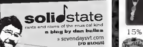
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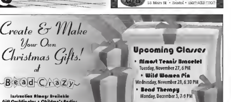
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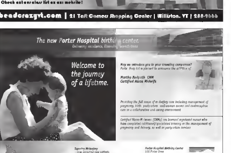
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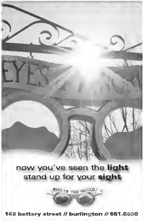

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The packed and brightly painted rooms contain treasures such as crib mobiles from Peru and "bundlers" — a kind of uni-leg bodysuit — from India. Parents-to-be can find feminine wrap shirts and "Good Daddies are Hot" tees. One entire room is filled with cloth diapers, and co-owner Beth Ryan has tried them all on her 17-month-old daughter. "This isn't even the tip of the iceberg," she declares.

Ryan and Van Wagner are also keen on community education, offering space for such groups as breast-pumping working mothers and the Northern Vermont Babywearers. Next up: pictures with Santa (Ryan's husband in costume). "It's a way to avoid the mall," she suggests — and to make sure your baby gifts aren't among the recalls.

— AMY LILLY

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        and almost immediately see the fool

again, the one whose mother sang to him
        so softly while she nursed him his first day
out of the womb, whose father had a band
        and more 78s than anybody

in town, the fool who suddenly understood
        his own galactic insignificance
and glimpsed the prison of his ignorance
        hearing Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel"

at Kay Barnett's thirteenth birthday party,
        fool who nearly wrecked his car pulling off
the Autobahn to hear the Womenfolk sing
        "The Last Thing on My Mind" and sat there and cry

for a lost old girlfriend back in the States,
        same fool who realized what a fool he was

for volunteering to serve in Vietnam
        when Buffalo Springfield asked him, "Hey, now

what's that sound?", made him see what idiotic
        politics he had, how fear and trembling
was okay to dance to, and by the way,
        Aretha Franklin had something to tell

a fool like him about sex, and then *Hair*
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always wanted to be without knowing it,
        which was just the beginning of this fool's

education, but he's got it now, he's ready
        to vote for Bruce as President, Emmylou
VP, Nanci Griffith Secretary of State,
        Steve Earl Secretary of Defense — this fool's

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        they've got a god there his name is Johnny Cash

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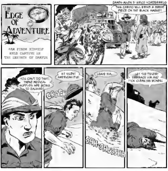
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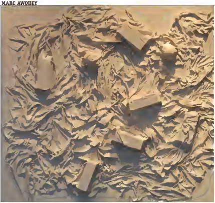

Coming Together

EXHIBIT

Fran Bull: An overview of painting, sculpture and printmaking from the 1980s to the present. Christine Price Gallery, Castleton State College. Through November 20.

ARTWORK

"A day in mourning falls from the bells (Neruda)" by Fran Bull

PHOTO

Marc Awodey

Fran Bull is a versatile artist, and not just in terms of the media she uses. She has a utilitarian approach to subject matter — that is, using any approach or medium without regard to formal rules — that gives a surprising conceptual unity to her body of work. For her solo exhibition at Castleton State's Christine Price Gallery, Bull wrote in her artist's statement: "In the spirit of postmodernism, I bring disparate themes and elements together in order to create syntheses of ideas and form." In other words, she comfortably bridges the gap between the abstract and the figurative.

The five works of Bull's "Dialogues" series from 2006 most clearly demonstrate her approach. Although formally pure abstraction, the images are driven by narrative content. The etchings each present pairs of freely designed geometric forms that intersect, as if in dialogue. Bull's black-and-gray shapes are hard-edged, yet have fluid interiors; they seem to tumble across pristine white fields of negative space. The prints are often large-scale, and her "Dialogues" range up to 40 inches wide. "Line 5 2006," a non-objective copperplate etching, measures a lavish 36 by 48 inches. The piece is alive with convoluted visual textures and subtle gradations of value.

"4 and 20 Blackbirds," from 2001, is a 36 by 25 inch zinc plate acid etching portraying a raven's head in profile snapping at a fleeing black bird. Bull's figure is dark, like a scabby head disfigured by fire, and as harsh as the toughest images by German Neo-Expressionist Georg Baselitz. "El Animal in La Cabeza (The Animal in the Head)" is a calmer biomorphic form from 2006. The 48-by-36 inch copperplate etching also has a rich, yet eerie transparent layer of blue over the mask-like profile that crowds onto the picture plane.

The title of Bull's 2007 Italian plaster sculpture and painting hybrid on canvas, "A day in mourning falls from the bells," is the first line of Chilean poet Pablo Neruda's "Autumn Returns" of 1935. The poem's next line is "like a fluttering veil of a roving widow," and it goes on to compare the whiteness of snow, ashes and smoke. White mourning clothes were a medieval Spanish tradition. Like most of Bull's etchings, this 54-inch square, high-relief work is devoid of color, but its interminable whiteness is broken by the shadows of wrinkles, a sphere and the contours of five brick-like blocks. It's as if Neruda's fluttering veil had fallen over a vacant city lot, to be covered by a layer of frost. Bull regularly works in Barcelona, Spain, and references to Hispanic culture abound in her work.

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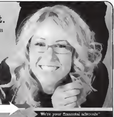
Two monumental paintings from Bull's remarkable "Magdalene Cycle," dating from 1993 and exhibited at the Flynn Center's Amy Tarrant Gallery in 2003, also appear at Castleton. The nearly explosive pools of vibrant color in her vertical, 90-by-65-inch acrylic and ink masterpieces dramatically contrast with her darkly monochromatic prints and the relief piece. One work in the series, "Swamp Mother's Foot," is dominated by a sprawling amoeba form of reds and gold superimposed on a field of blended indigos. "Child of Ice" contains a harmony of turquoise and a few splashes of crimson blended with the same nearly ocher shade of gold.

Unlike the term "Impressionism," which derived directly from Monet's technical epiphanies in "Impression, Sunrise" of 1872, postmodernism in the fine arts isn't easily defined. It's often seen as a negation of New York City's mid-century "isms," and as a force that splintered high modernism like an ax falling on a rotten log. Bull's employment of the term "postmodernism" in her artist's statement fits her pragmatic approach to form and subject. Under that rubric, her work provides insight into the exuberant spirit of contemporary *fin de siecle* visual art. ⑦



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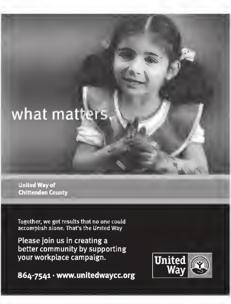
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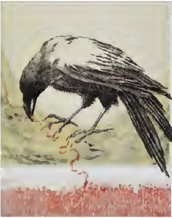

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KNIT WIT

Carol MacDonald's new suite of prints, collectively called "Knitting Meditations," is featured at Frog Hollow in Burlington this month. In it, MacDonald examines the metaphorical, and metaphysical, possibilities of the theme of knitting. Delicate lace patterns and whimsical crows bring the images to life. The artist created this suite during an October residency at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson. Pictured: "Crow Unraveling."

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OPENINGS

STEVEN SALMON: "Travelers." All work in mixed media. Julian Scott Memorial Gallery, Johnson State College, 635-1469. Reception November 14, 3 p.m. Through November 17.

2007 AIA VERMONT DESIGN COMPETITION: Aspiring Vermont architects display the entries for the annual design competition, and viewers can vote for a People's Choice Award in this event by the Vermont chapter of the American Institute for Architects. Metropolitan Gallery, Burlington City Hall, 865-7166. Reception November 16, 6-8 p.m. Through November.

"VERMONT'S TRADITION OF LANDSCAPE PAINTING: FIVE ARTISTS, FIVE VISIONS": Paintings by Stephen Keares, Charles Movalli, Bonnie Alice Mosher, Dale Radcliff and Eric Tobin. Green Mountain Fine Art Gallery, Stowe, 253-1818. Reception November 17, 5-8:30 p.m., with a talk by Movalli, artist and writer, at 6:30 p.m. Through January.

MIMI CLARK & RUTH ANN STONE: "The Reconstruction Zone," reconstructed clothes and one-of-a-kind handbags, respectively. The Back Wall at the ReStore, Montpelier, 229-1930. Reception November 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Through November.

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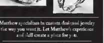

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TALKS/ EVENTS

BURLINGTON ARTIST MEET UP: Get plugged into the local art scene at this informal monthly get-together. Kapil House, Burlington, 264-4834. November 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"CONNECTICUT VALLEY FURNITURE: URBAN STYLES FOR A RURAL SOCIETY, 1650-1850": A slide lecture by Philip Zea, president of Historic Deerfield. Loew Auditorium, Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2426. November 16, 4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY ART SHOW: Fine art by local artists, just in time for holiday shopping. Mahon Garage, 863-6789. November 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"STOMPIN WITH THE STARS": In this Vermont version of "Dancing with the Stars," local celebs, including [illegible] Melinda Moulton and Warren Kimble, kick up their heels with dance instructors to raise funds for the Vermont Arts Council. Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 828-5422. November 17, 7:30 p.m. $75. Reservations, visit www.vermontartscouncil.org or call 828-3293.

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THE NEW BLACK AND WHITE In her first-ever solo exhibition, St. Johnsbury Academy faculty member Rosie Prevost compiled 23 black-and-white prints, some made in the traditional way and some with Piezography, an archival ink-jet print process. The show, entitled "Here and There: Photographic Impressions of Recent Journeys," opened last Friday at 215 College Artists' Co-operative Gallery. Prevost's "Violin Man" (pictured) is just one of the images captured during a journey to Italy.

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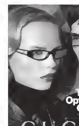

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LISA LILLIBRIDGE & BLAIR SNYDER: New carved, found pallet works and acrylic paintings created in 24 hours. [illegible], Burlington, 865-2274. Through December 4.

"BOATS AROUND THE WORLD": The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum presents a juried show. The 100 images on view do not include any from Lake Champlain. Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 475-2022. Through November.

CAROLE HOALYNE DRURY: "Woods and Water," new paintings. Uncommon Grounds, Burlington, 865-1671. Through November.

ROBIN PREVOST: "Here and There," black-and-white photographs from recent journeys by the St. Johnsbury Academy faculty member. 135 College Artists' Co-operative Gallery, Burlington, 863-3662. Through December 4.

"HOOKED IN THE MOUNTAINS XII": Hundreds of works by members of the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild. Round Barn, Shelburne Museum, 985-3346. Through November 18. $6/8.

CONNIE LAPUS: "Creative Collections 2007," mixed-media assemblages, painting plates and collographs. Tribeca Clothing and Accessories, Burlington, 865-1704. Through November 15.

LIZ DAVIS: Still lifes and landscapes in oil on canvas; and **HARLAN MACK:** Paintings. Red Square, Burlington, 859-8909. Through November.

ROBERT FLYNN: "Constant Gardener," drawings, paintings and sculptures from 2000-2007 by the late artist. Colburn Gallery, UVM Art Department, Burlington, 656-2014. Through November 16.

NATHAN FARB: "Summer of Love," a photographic journal of the East Village during the late 1960s by the Adirondacks-area photographer. Burlington College Gallery, 862-9616. Through November.

DAVE LAWTON: Serigraphs, Gates 1 & 2; and **LEE ARRINGTON:** Abstract oil paintings, Skyway; and **ROBERT RITTER:** Wall-hung wooden sculptures, Escalator. Burlington Airport, 865-7166. Through December.

"THE MANUFACTURED GREEN HOUSING PROJECT": Five Vermont architectural firms in collaboration with regional fabricators present designs and ideas for green and affordable housing systems that can withstand snow-belt conditions. Metropolitan Gallery, Burlington City Hall, 865-7166. Through November 15.

ELI BERLIN: "To My Sisters," silver gel prints. Firehouse Center Community Darkroom, Burlington, 865-7166. Through January 11.

"SUCKED OUT: ART, COMMERCE & SNOWBOARDING IN COLLISION": Burton Snowboards featuring original artwork, including silkscreens by Andy Warhol. Firehouse Gallery, Burlington, 865-7166. Through December 7.

FOUR VERMONT ARTISTS: Abstract mixed media by Steve M. Campbell, oil paintings by Dave Thurston, pastel and landscapes by Kate Mueller, and Chinese brush paintings by Colleen Plant. Artpath Gallery, Wing Building, Burlington, 863-1173. Through January.

J. ARTHUR LOOSE: "The Serpent in the Steel," hand-forged blades by the Vermont artist, and **SUSAN SENECHAL:** New paintings. Grannis Gallery, Burlington, 660-2032. Through November.

"THE HISTORY OF THE FUTURE": Video and still images created by Burlington filmmaker Bill Simmon and choreographer Selene Colburn. L/L Gallery, Living/Learning Center, UVM, Burlington, 656-4200. Through November.

"LUMINOSITY": Drawings and lithographs by Marcie Vallance, oil-on-linen paintings by David Mollie, and giclée prints by Dan O'Donnell, all focusing on color and light. VCAM Space, REIN, Burlington, 651-9692. Through January 4.

"RE-DRAWING RESISTANCE": A collection of paintings, photographs, poems and videos from South Asian women survivors of violence, presented by international groups based in India and the U.S. Fireplace Lounge, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington. www.redrawingresistance.com or 617-909-3410. Through November 19.

ANNE AUSTIN & DEVE FORGET: Landscapes and mind-scenes in watercolor and pastel, respectively. Furchgott Sourdiffe Gallery, Shelburne, 985-3848. Through November 17.

DAVID KIRICK & SAGE TUCKER-KETCHAM: "Reaction: Abstraction Noise," ink drawings and installation inspired by the vibration of New York subway cars, and new paintings, respectively. Studio STK, Burlington, 657-3333. Through November 29.

TIM ZATON: Watercolors from 15 years in Vermont and upstate New York. Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, Jericho, 899-3211. Through November 18.

BONNIE ACKER & LIA DAVIS: "Lasting Images," pastels and oil paintings, and photographs, respectively. Penny Cluse Cafe, Burlington, 651-8834. Through November 30.

ART FROM VERMONT: A lab show featuring paintings by Marc Awodey and photographs by Marcie Kio. Gallery Corner at Ashley Furniture, Burlington, 865-5011. Through December 8.

JODY STAHLMAN: "Big Cows/Big Dogs," paintings. Smokejacks, Burlington, 958-1111. Through November.

DANIEL HEYMAN: "Abu Ghraib Detainee Project," drypoint prints by the Philadelphia artist based on interviews with men held by American forces at the Iraq prison. Kaul Home, Burlington, 864-4830. Through November 17.

GRAY NALL: "Explorations in Contemporary Luminism," contemplative, haunting photographs by the South Burlington photographer. Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington, 652-4500. Through December 2.

MALTEX EXHIBITION: Ten Vermont artists fill the hallways of all four floors with paintings, photographs, prints and sculptures. Maltex Building, Burlington, 865-7166. Through November.

"MATERIAL PURSUITS": Three site-specific installations and works by 11 other national artists, using such mediums and methods as quilting, embroidery, pipe cleaners, Sculpey and crochet, cross the boundary between craft and fine art; **EN ROUTE: TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM UVM COLLECTIONS:** 19th-century photos and stereographic images from around the world; and **"HEEL TO TOE":** Shoes from the permanent collection offer a cross-cultural and historical look at footwear. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 656-0750. Through December 14.

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MARK E. JOHNSON: "Visits," documentary photography. Vermont Folklife Center, Middlebury, 388-4964. Through February 8.

LUCY PETRIE: Pastel paintings. Walkover Gallery, Bristol, 453-3188. Through December.

SMALL WORKS/BIG ART: Local and national artists show works that make affordable holiday presents. Gift wrapping designed by Sara Albert available. Proceeds benefit Vermont Food Bank. Gallery-in-the-Field, Brandon, 247-0125. Through December 23.

JOANNA SHAPIRO: "Cow Country," acrylic paintings. Starry Night Café, Ferrisburgh, 877-6316. Through December.

KIMBERLEE FORNEY: Funky ceramic paintings. Starry Night Café, Ferrisburgh, 388-0190. Through November. Also at Bask, Burlington, through November 17.

PATTY LEBLAN HYER & JEN LANE: "Small Treasures," landscapes, seascapes and figures; and functional, sculptural bowls and candles, respectively. Art On Main, Bristol, 453-4032. Through November 15.

PATRICK DOUGHERTY: The internationally known sculptor created a large-scale, site-specific public sculpture using local saplings in front of the Center for the Arts during a residency at the museum; photographic and video documentation show some of his previous commissions; and **"CHINESE BLUE-AND-WHITE PORCELAINS OF THE MING AND QING DYNASTIES":** Originating in the 14th century, this collection includes prized pieces made for the imperial court; and **"RESONANCE FROM THE PAST: AFRICAN SCULPTURE FROM THE NEW ORLEANS MUSEUM OF ART":** Figures of gods, spirits and ancestors as well as masks and ritual objects by the peoples of West and Central Africa from the 17th to 20th century. Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 443-5007. Through December 9.

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HOLIDAY SHOW: Affordable gifts from around the world. Big Town Gallery, Rochester, 767-9670. November 17 - January 15.

IRENE CAMPBELL: "Digitally Yours," digital photos of Vermont. Vermont Chocolatiers, Northfield, 472-3161. Through November.

"MIXIN MASKS: AN EVOLUTION IN LATEX AND RUBBER, MADE IN CHINA": Vintage masks and mask lore, and artifacts from the Watergate Hotel. Main Street Museum, White River Junction, 356-2776. Through January 4.

RANDY RANDALL: "My Horse Shorty," intaglio prints, pen and pen drawings and watercolor paintings by the local artist. Blinking Light Gallery, Plainfield, 454-0141. Through November 18.

"THE NATURAL WORLD": A group show focusing on nature from many perspectives. Cooler Gallery, White River Junction, 295-8008. Through December.

CECILY HERZIG: "Birds, Bats and the Bizarre," crayon and pastel drawings on paper added on the artist's son's "scribbles." Langdon St. Café, Montpelier, 223-8667. Through November.

FRAN BULL: An overview of the Vermont artist's work in painting, sculpture and printmaking from the 1960s to the present. Christian Price Gallery, Castleton State College, 468-1119. Through November 30.

"LEAVING AN IMPRESSION": Works by area printmakers using traditional and digital methods, and featuring a commemorative centennial poster by printmaker Sabra Field. Chandler Gallery, Randolph, 728-9878. Through November 18.

ROBIN LAHUE: Wild imaginings, abstracted landscapes and visions in oil. Sanguis Sphere Boutique & Gallery, Montpelier, 223-0307. Through November 17.

GARY ECKHARD: "Painting the Vermont Scene," watercolors. Governor's Office, Pavilion Building, Montpelier, 828-0748. Through November 20.

MICHAEL JEWELL: "Off the Shoe Film," abstract paintings. The Shoe Horn, Montpelier, 223-5454. Through November.

SALLY BOWRING: "The Order of Things," paintings by the former Vermonter, now in Virginia. Brady Center for the Arts, Marshfield, 456-4781. Through November.

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"HOLIDAY WRAPPINGS": Small, affordable works by more than 20 local artists. The Painted Caravan Gallery, Johnson, 635-1700. Through December 27.

GARY SHEPARD: Oil on canvas landscape paintings. The Art Gallery, Stowe, 253-8077. Through November.

MONTHLY CO-OP MEMBER EXHIBIT: Works by Sandra Hasty, Karen Scheffler, Joelle Robbins and Dan Fansky. Artist in Residence, Enosburg Falls, 933-8403. Through November.

MERRILL DENSMORE: Vermont landscape paintings by the late "outsider" artist. GRACE Gallery, Old Firehouse, Hardwick, 472-6857. Through November 20.

JOHN MATUSZ: "Industrial Strength," new large-scale sculptures in stone and steel. West Branch Gallery & Sculpture Park, Stowe, 253-8943. Through November 18.

11TH ANNUAL SMALL PICTURE EXHIBITION: More than 100 New England artists show some 200 paintings of diminutive dimensions. Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville, 644-5100. Through December 16.

"NATURE REMAINS: THE ARTIST AS ENVIRONMENTALIST": The convergence of art and environmental advocacy is the theme of an exhibit featuring nine influential artists from Vermont and beyond: Corinne Davis, Rebecca Goodale, Patricia Johanson, Chris Jordan, Ron Leslie, Edward Koren, Peter Schumann and Adelaide Tyrol. Main Gallery, and **JOSEPH SALERNO:** "Interpreting Nature Part III," landscape paintings, East Gallery. Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, 253-8358. Through November 17.

southern

NOVEMBER 2007 EXHIBITIONS: A group show of regional artists in multiple media, Yester House Gallery, through December 4, and **SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY:** More than 60 photographs of momentous times and notable people over three decades, Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum, through November, and **"WORLDS OF WONDER IN WOOD: THE KIRK BROTHERS CIRCUS":** Thousands of carved-wood figures and props in a tiny replica of a traveling circus, made by the folk artist Edgar Kirk over 50 years. From the collection of the Shelburne Museum, the works, along with vintage circus posters, will reside through November at the Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum, Lucioni Gallery. Southern Vermont Art Center, Manchester, 362-1405.

regional

"AMERICAN ART AT DARTMOUTH: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HOOD": More than 100 works presenting a comprehensive overview of the permanent collection in fine art and artifacts, through December 9, and **"AMERICAN WORKS ON PAPER TO 1850":** Highlights from the permanent collection of drawings, watercolors, prints and photographs, through December 9, and **"NO LAUGHING MATTER: VISUAL HUMOR IN IDEAS OF RACE, NATIONALITY AND ETHNICITY":** Objects and images from the 18th century to contemporary times. Harrington Gallery, through January 13. Hood Museum, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2808.

"SACRED ART AND THE SULPICIANS OF MONTREAL": One hundred works commemorating the cultural influence of French Sulpicians from 1657-2007. Montréal Museum of Fine Arts. Tickets: 1-800-879-6440. $15/7.50. Through November 25.

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— ROB FAIESEL, BURLINGTON

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SEVEN DAYS now NOTES ON THE WEEKEND

In a blind tasting of 21
of the world's finest vodkas
which one did
The New York Times
declare their
"hands-down favorite"?

Clearly Smirnoff.

"What set Smirnoff apart,
we agreed, was its
aromas and flavors which
we described as classic."

ERIC ASIMOV
THE NEW YORK TIMES
1/26/2005

NO EXIT

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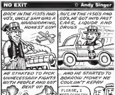

BACK IN THE 1930'S AND 40'S, UNCLE SAM WAS A HARDWORKING, HONEST GUY!
BUT, IN THE 1950'S AND 60'S, HE GOT INTO FAST CARS, LIQUOR AND DRUGS
SINGER
HE STARTED TO PICK UNNECESSARY FIGHTS WITH PEOPLE AND GOT BEAT UP
VIETNAM
IRAQ
AND HE STARTED TO BORROW MONEY HE COULDN'T REPAY
PLEASE, I NEED CASH FOR BOOZE, AND GAS FOR MY CAR!
CHINA
SAUDIS
WILL HE KICK HIS ADDICTIONS AND SHAPE UP?? STAY TUNED!
MAYBE I'LL START A FIGHT WITH IRAN?!

Mild Abandon

"Hey, don't worry about it. What happens at Applebee's stays at Applebee's."

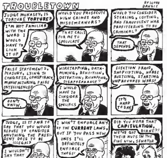
OGG'S WORLD

Doug Ogg

Is it this upcoming weekend, or was it last weekend, that we were supposed to set the clocks back by an hour?

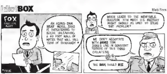
TROUBLETOWN

BY LLOYD DANGLE

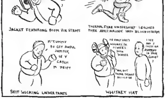

JUDGE MUKASEY, IS TORTURE TORTURE?
I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE WORD I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK IT UP
WOULD YOU PROSECUTE HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS?
THAT CALLS FOR ME TO SPECULATE.
WOULD YOU CONSIDER STEALING, LOOTING, AND FRAUDULENT WAR PROFITEERING TO BE CRIMINAL?
THAT DEPENDS
FALSE STATEMENTS, PERJURY, LYING TO CONGRESS, CONSPIRACY, MANUFACTURING FALSE INTELLIGENCE?
DON'T KNOW.
WIRETAPPING, DATA-MINING, RENDITION, DETENTION, KIDNAPPING, DISAPPEARANCE?
I WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THE SPECIFICS
ELECTION FRAUD, SHOPLIFTING, HORSE RUSTLING, STARTING UNPROVOKED WARS?
IT'S HARD TO SAY
JUDGE, IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT YOU WOULD REFUSE TO CONSIDER ANYTHING THE PRESIDENT DOES TO BE ILLEGAL?
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT EXACTLY
I WON'T ENFORCE ANY OF THE CURRENT LAWS, BUT IF YOU PASS NEW ONES I'LL DEFINITELY ENFORCE THOSE!
DID YOU HEAR THAT CAPITULATION, DIANE?!
WE'VE GOT THEIR NUTS IN THE FINE NOW, SENATOR

IdiotBOX

Matt Bors


FOX
AN AGING DAM NEAR MOSUL IRAQ IS THREATENING TO BREAK, UNLEASHING A 60 FOOT WALL OF WATER THAT WILL KILL TENS OF THOUSANDS!*
*TRUE
WHICH LEADS TO THE INEVITABLE QUESTION: HOW MUCH U.S. MILITARY MIGHT SHOULD BE USED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM?
WE DON'T NEGOTIATE WITH DAMS TOM. IRAQIS LIVE IN CONSTANT TERROR OF THIS THING COLLAPSING.
THE DAM SHOULD DIE
RIGHT. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT CRITICS WILL SAY — THAT WE CAUSED THE MASSIVE DROWNING THAT WILL OBVIOUSLY RESULT
PENTAGON: MOSUL WILL DIE TO DIE THOUSANDS
ALL THEIR TALK OF FIXING THE DAM SIMPLY LEAVES THIS POTENTIAL KILLER IN PLACE. IT'S TIME TO OPEN THE FLOODGATES OF FREEDOM!
IT'S SETTLED THEN. BLOW THE DAM. BLOW IT ALL TO HELL.
BORS
AFTER THE BREAK: SHOULD WE DROP ORANGE FLOATIES AFTER LIBERATION OR IS IT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIGURE OUT THE BREASTSTROKE?

LULU EIGHTBALL


PERFORMANCE RUNNING APPAREL
OH I COULD GET AN IPOD THAT JUST AIN'T HOW I ROLL.
JACKET FEATURING BOOM BOX STRAPS
AAAAAAAAAAAGGGH! FUCK
THERMAL FEAR UNDERSHIRT LEACHES PURE ADRENALINE INTO BLOODSTREAM
M'TUMMY DO GET AWFUL JUMBLY, LE Y CATCH M DRIFT
SHIT WICKING UNDERPANTS
OH ONLY ONE'S WHISKEY OR OTHER'S SODA WATER
NO, BUT THERE SHOULD BE
I SEE AND IS THERE AN ASHTRAY IN YOUR GLOVE?
WHISKEY HAT

game on BY DAVID THOMAS PLAYING THE ELECTRONIC FIELD

Music to Your Ears

"Guitar Hero III"
Prices vary based on bundle and platform
PS3, Xbox 360, Wii, PS2
T for Teen

Blame the guitar.

If not for the invention of this six-string device, countless garages would never have faced re-models into jam zones, millions of high school dropouts would never have pursued dreams of rock 'n' roll fame and countless babies would never have been born to parents who swear that the KISS classic "Rock and Roll All Nite" is the most romantic ballad ever written.

Then again, without the guitar, the world would be just that much less interesting.

Sixty years ago, the piano, the human voice or even the trombone stirred the musical interest of young people with something to say. No one could have imagined that an instrument as crass and awkward as the guitar would grow to dominate the popular music landscape. "So you want to be a rock 'n' roll star?" the old Byrds song ran. "Then listen now to what I say / Just get an electric guitar / Then take some time and learn how to play."

The trouble is, learning to play any instrument isn't nearly as much fun as pretending to play. And when it comes to pretending, video-game developers reliably arrive with prepackaged fantasies to make it so.

Game developers like to speculate that "Guitar Hero" is such a hit because the guitar-shaped controller connects with the mainstream player. But the simpler truth is that the game's designers understand that feeling like a rock star is almost as important as being one.

With the arrival of "Guitar Hero III," the graphics look nicer, the guitar controller is better realized, and the song selection is more expansive. At its heart, "GH" remains the game that legitimizes air guitar and makes the fantasy of amphitheater dominance feel real.

It's no wonder everyone seems to want in on the action. "Jam Sessions" for the Nintendo DS lets you pluck out tunes by strumming the stylus across the DS screen while changing chords with a few select button presses. "Hannah Montana: Music Jam" brings four-track recording and similar techniques for playing guitar, bass and drums to the DS, and it even lets you pick your outfits and make friends — a title that's pitch perfect for tween gamers.

Still, of the many games that let you make music, "Guitar Hero" remains at the top of the stack, because it never confuses actually making music with pretending to. No matter how fast you fly across the "GH" five-button fret board, you're never playing music — it's just a game. "Hannah Montana" and "Jam Sessions" spin you up on the idea that you can make music, then let you down when you realize that you're as tone deaf after playing the game as you were in the first place.

Who's It For: For those who've always wanted to rock, "Guitar Hero III" salutes you. "Hannah Montana: Music Jam" offers similar fun in a portable package. And "Jam Sessions" for the DS is a novelty for anyone who wants to strum chords and sing along.

If You Like This, Try That: Just in time for the holidays, and sure to be in short supply, "Rock Band" — from the creators of "Guitar Hero" — combines two guitars, a microphone and even a drum kit to produce the ultimate in rock-star posturing.

Best Part: The new "Guitar Hero" controller for the Xbox 360 is wireless and features a removable neck for easy transportation and storage. It may not seem like much, but when you have a game that works in a sequel, it's the little things that count.

SUDOKU

BY LINDA THISTLE

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

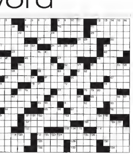
★ = Moderate ★★ = Challenging
★★★ = Hoo, boy!

Puzzle answers for Sudoku and Crossword on page 38B

7D crossword

ACROSS
1 Weakens
4 O'Connor's "The — Hatch"
9 Composer Bartók
12 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
17 Meadow mamas
19 Pro foe
20 Steam- like —
21 Wide belts
22 Comic-book hero
25 "Oh, New — — Get Up"
26 Ernie's partner
27 Procure
28 — Paulo [illegible]
30 [illegible]
31 Box up
34 Masters Tournament site
38 Urban problem
39 Animated TV series
42 Hay
43 Bod
46 Taj town
47 Tel [illegible]
48 Rita — Brown
49 Tankard filler
50 Step parts
52 Even if, informally
54 Durango district
57 Maestro Lorin
60 Rent
61 "The Hustler" setting
63 Crowded
65 "Just — thought!"
66 Petite peas
67 Genetic info
68 Actress Anna
70 Summary
[illegible]
73 Left open
74 Item in a sack
75 Premiere
77 Baby butter
78 Freons
81 Advance
83 "This — Moment" ('7? hit)
88 Hut
89 Van of "Shane"
90 Cycle starter
91 Barely there
93 Baseball stat
94 Pinnacle
95 — roll
97 Rail stop
98 TV's "My — [illegible]"
99 "Gotcha!"
104 '80 Stevie Wonder hit
106 Worry
107 Result
108 Singer Stritch
111 Knock
112 Russian river
113 Superlative suffix
116 Sans emotion
118 Lets up
121 "F Troop" role
127 Kidman of "To Die For"
128 Columnist Bombeck
129 Notion
130 Sylvers or Spector
131 Hankered
132 — of the Cat" ('77 hit)
133 Side
134 — Aviv

DOWN
1 Splinter group
2 Cognizant
3 Charlemagne's dad
4 Composer Franck
5 Rathbone or Sheridan
6 Forest father
7 Use a stopwatch
8 Musical measure
9 Lily of pharma products
10 Rapper Tone —
11 '92 Wimbledon winner
12 [illegible]
13 Fast way to the UK
14 O'Hare frame
15 Shot another photo
16 For — (cheaply)
18 "Unsolved Mysteries" host
21 Shadow area
23 Jai —
24 Coup d'—
29 Part of NATO
32 Sluggish sorts
33 — Benedict
35 Like some TV channels
36 "Beau —" ('39 film)
37 "No sirree!"
39 [illegible] Belle
40 City on 112 Across
41 Polo's place
43 [illegible] of tennis
44 Dothan's st.
45 '84 Shang[illegible] hit
46 Boy or boar
50 Cartoon canine
51 Lip lash?
53 Mayberry moppet
54 Marsh
55 New Rochelle college
56 General Bradley
58 — [illegible]
61 Alaskan city
62 "Against All —" ('84 film)
64 Records
66 Curative
68 Frosh's superior
69 Grocer's measure
71 Exact
72 Assumed name?
73 — standstill
75 Wet blanket
76 Velvet finish
79 "Graceland" for one
80 Yesterday's year
82 Rub it in
83 Sal of "Exodus"
84 Irene of "Fame"
86 Lulu lead-in
87 Tasty tuber
88 Cry
[illegible]
92 Tree house?
96 Jacket part
98 Lawrence's locale
100 "Archie" character
101 Great bird?
102 Death of "Clarissa"
103 Fast food favorite
104 Cleveland's lake
105 Summarize
106 French friend?
109 Vision
110 TV's "Kate & —"
114 "M*A*S*H" Emmy winner
116 "The — Is High" ('80 hit)
117 Say "Hey!"
119 Low digit
120 Knight time
122 Hapsburg dom.
123 "— He Lover" ('84 hit)
124 Corn portion
125 Grazing ground
126 Rin Tin Tin's master



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DEFINING BEAUTIFUL

She said I am the most beautiful pregnant woman she's ever seen
that I look great every day
Do you think it's true?
Sure. It all depends how you define "beautiful"
"Big and fat"
"and likes to waddle around"
NOVEMBER 8, 2007

APPLE JUICE EMERGENCY

You can have some apple juice when you're done
SOON
Look, Eli
I didn't know pregnant ladies could do THAT
NOVEMBER 9, 2007

DUE DATE

Andrea! Guess what's DUE on TUESDAY?
?!
Yes, the baby. You know what else? SUPER MARIO GALAXY!!
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Bush Gives Musharraf Tips on Eliminating Democracy

In what he described as "an emergency mission to help a key ally in the war on terror," President George W. Bush flew to Islamabad today to give General Pervez Musharraf tips on how to eliminate democracy.

Bush said he scheduled the trip just hours after Musharraf declared a state of emergency in Pakistan and suspended elections "because when it comes to eliminating democracy, I thought my friend Pervez could benefit from my experience."

Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One, Bush said that while he commended Musharraf's impulse to eliminate democratic institutions, he felt that the military strongman was going about it the wrong way. "When you're getting rid of democracy, the last thing you want to do is tell people you're doing it."

Bush said that eliminating such things as privacy, freedom of speech and the Constitution had to be done "very quietly and stealthy like."

"If I had gone on TV one day and just ended democracy like Pervez did, I would have caught holy hell from Maureen Dowd," Bush chuckled. "You've got to be crafty about these things."

Bush chalked up Musharraf's decision to disclose the elimination of democracy as a "beginner's mistake," adding, "I've had six-plus years of practice at this."

He also criticized the Pakistani dictator's firing of the chief justice of the Supreme Court. "Trust me: if you're going to get rid of elections, a Supreme Court could come in handy."

I've had six-plus years of practice at this.

MR. BUSH

Elsewhere, astronauts spent Saturday morning repairing a solar panel on the International Space Station, then spent the rest of the day drinking and stalking ex-lovers.

Award-winning humorist, television personality and film actor Andy Borowitz is author of the new book The Republican Playbook. *To find out more about Andy Borowitz and read his past columns, visit www.borowitzreport.com.*

TED RALL

THE NIGHT OF THE PUNTER
MITT ROMNEY WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE'S JUST AN AW SHUCKS GOLLY GEE BUSHY TAILED TWINKLY EYED CAN-DO OPTIMIST
OH BOY! WE'RE AMERICANS! YAY! (DID THAT SOUND GAY?)
HI HO! HI HO! IT'S OFF TO HEAVEN YOU GO!
RABID INSURGENTS AND GINORMOUS DEFICITS DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MITT'S SUNNY DISPOSITION
A CYNIC MIGHT SAY THAT IT'S EASY TO BE CHEERFUL WHEN YOU'RE BORN FILTHY RICH.
GOSH, I LOVE AMERICA! AMERICANS ARE THE GREATEST!
BUT INSIDE THE SOUL OF THE FORMER CORPORATE TAKEOVER SPECIALIST, A TITANIC STRUGGLE IS RAGING
LET ME TELL YOU THE STORY OF RIGHT WING, LEFT WING. IT WAS WITH THIS LEFT ONE THAT OL' GOVERNOR ROMNEY STRUCK A BLOW FOR ABORTION RIGHTS. THE RIGHT HAND, FRIENDS, THE ONE THAT SMITES THE FAGS!
T. RALL

RED MEAT
moldering molecules of mirth
from the secret files of
Max Cannon
By the way, what holiday is this, anyway? I can never seem to keep track of them all.
You're joking, right?
No. Not really.

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november 15-21

BY ROB BREZSNY

Check out Rob Brezsny's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES
and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): I love it when you forget all your troubles and get lost in thoughts about your *friends'* problems. I love it when you place your entire focus on the heat steaming from your cup of coffee or on the sun reflecting on a puddle or on the mysterious expression gracing the face of a stranger. In fact, I love it whenever you prove how much you love being here on earth by taking your attention off yourself and giving it to everything else. The coming week will be a perfect time to specialize in this consummate art.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hunters recently killed a 50-ton whale off the coast of Alaska. While cutting it apart back on shore they found a metal projectile lodged in its blubber from an older attack. Later research revealed it had been manufactured around 1890. That means the whale was at least 115 years old and had been carrying around the projectile for over a century. I bring this to your attention, Taurus, in the *hope* that it will inspire you to meditate on your own ancient wound. When you pass on to the next world many years from now, I'd hate for you to still be infected with the hurt that befell you in your youth. It's an ideal time to take aggressive corrective action. Heal it!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away," wrote novelist Philip K. Dick. I urge you to apply that benchmark to your own experience in the coming week, Gemini. You can generate a lot of creative energy by figuring out what is objectively true about your circumstances and what is merely *illusion* that's propped up by misperceptions and misunderstandings. You've got tremendous power to strip away the fantasies, both positive and negative, that are preventing you from living with 100 percent of your intelligence in the real world.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Wealthy playboy Lapo Elkann is one of Italy's most eligible bachelors. But he told *W* magazine that if he ever decides to tie the knot, he would choose an Israeli woman. "For them, every day is a beautiful day," he said. "Because when you are in a climate of war, you take nothing for granted." Your next assignment, Cancerian, is not to put yourself in a battle zone, but rather to cultivate love with the *same* intense ingenuity and inexhaustible resourcefulness you might if you were living in a battle zone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stories interest me more than beliefs. I'd rather hear you regale me with tales of your travels than listen to you recite your dogmas. Filmmaker Ken Burns agrees with me. He's worried about the increasing number of people who love theories more than stories. "We are experiencing the death of narrative," he told the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "We are all so sophisticated that we don't actually submit to narrative anymore. That's the essence of YouTube. Abbreviate everything into a digestible capsule that then becomes the conventional wisdom, which belies the experience of art." Your assignment, Leo, is to help reverse this soul-damaging trend. Spout fewer opinions and tell more stories. Encourage others to do the same.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "Dear Rob: I have eight distinctly different voices in my head. There's a hurt, oddly puffed-up voice that complains about everyone who has ever done me wrong. There's an hysterical voice that nags me with the thought that nothing I could ever do or say will make any *difference* to anyone, so why bother. Then there's the still, small voice. It has more gravity and feels more honest. It gives me useful *instructions* about specific things I could do to live a more meaningful life. The only trouble is, the other voices always blabber so loud I tend to neglect the only one that's actually *helpful*. Any advice? —Drowned Out." Dear Drowned: Set aside five minutes each morning and five minutes before bed. Whisper "Shut up" all the rest of you — and then listen reverently to the still, small voice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Weirdness is humanity's way of overcoming the ever-increasing pressure to live more nine-to-five lives," says Bob Rickard, founder of *Fortean Times*, a magazine that reports on anomalous events. "We need nonsense. It's that simple." I second that emotion, Libra — especially for you right now. You don't realize how much juicy psychic material you've been repressing as a result of sticking to dry duty and routine. In order to recover lost secrets from your fertile depths, you're going to have to specialize for now in the *mysterious*, the curious and the uncanny. It will help if you put yourself in situations that are outside your understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The sharks in German aquariums weren't reproducing fast enough. Their keepers hired scientists to come up with the shark equivalent of aphrodisiacs. The most successful inducement to love was music — especially Justin Timberlake's "Rock Your Body," Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry," and Salt-N-Pepa's "Push It." I suggest you play tunes like these for you and your chosen ones, Scorpio. It's an excellent time to coax out more of the tender, romantic sides of your inner shark, as well as the inner shark of anyone you're attracted to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In the deck of love, a wild card will appear. It will reverse the meaning of a series of events that seemed to be railroading you towards an unhappy ending. What will be the nature of that wild card? Maybe some missing evidence will trickle in, bringing the big picture into sharper focus. Maybe you will realize how valuable your problem has actually been. And perhaps the wild card will be a divine intervention that shatters a mental block, thereby correcting a misapprehension you'd been under. In any case, Sagittarius, there will be an unexpected twist at the last turn of the plot, and it will lead you to at least a semi-happy ending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A marathon seance took place at the Burning Man festival last August. Top psychics managed to channel floods of data from dead celebrities. Among the fascinating revelations they retrieved: Princess Diana would like Gwyneth Paltrow to play her in a movie about her life. John Lennon would have preferred it if the Beatles' song "All You Need Is Love" was not used in a TV commercial for diapers. Ronald Reagan regrets having invaded the tiny nation of Grenada in 1983. And Nostradamus neglected to mention in his quatrains that in mid-November of 2007, Capricorns will enter a phase when they're likely to get a lot of useful information from what's seemingly dead and gone and past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): On September 13, 1759, a small contingent of British troops took less than an hour to rout a few thousand French troops in a battle near Québec City. It was a turning point in the history of North America, leading to events that ensured English speakers would dominate the continent. I foresee a comparable pivot point just ahead for you, Aquarius. Seemingly small events that last a short time will yield momentous consequences. To help guarantee that they unfold in your favor, be like the British troops were back then: well prepared, highly disciplined and very lucky.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you chew coca leaves, you get a mild buzz, comparable to coffee, because your body metabolizes only tiny amounts of the plant's alkaloids. But in cocaine, which is made from processed coca leaves, those same alkaloids are highly concentrated. Snorting or smoking the stuff gives your bloodstream a potent blast. Bolivian president Evo Morales wants the world to know the difference between the two. "The coca leaf is not cocaine," he says. He pledges to completely legalize coca in his country, citing its traditional uses as a food and medicine predating the European invasion. Is there a comparable scenario in your life, Pisces? Something that's bad for you when done to excess, but good for you in its undistorted natural state? It's a favorable time to commit yourself to its healthy use.

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filmreviews

Wristcutters: A Love Story ★★★★

DEAD ASLEEP Fugit and Sossamon find the after-life's not so different from the one they lived before in the feature debut from Goran Dukic.

If you see just one picture this year directed by a Croatian and based on an Israeli novella set in a cosmic limbo reserved for suicides, you owe it to yourself to make it *Wristcutters: A Love Story*. The feature debut from Goran Dukic, a graduate of the Academy of Dramatic Arts in Zagreb, is the most irresistibly original film I've come across in ages.

Patrick Fugit — whom you'll almost recognize from 2000's *Almost Famous* — plays Zia, a twenty-something victim of love who has "offed" himself only to awaken in a low-rent purgatory, a run-down wasteland of an afterlife. Things aren't in living color, naturally. They're desaturated, and the night sky doesn't hold so much as a single twinkling star. Otherwise, Zia's new existence isn't a whole lot different from his old one. "Who could think of a better punishment, really?" he deadpans in the voiceover. "Everything's the same here, it's just a little worse."

During the day, Zia dishes out slices in a seedy pizza parlor. Afterward there's an equally seedy, smoke-filled bar. (Nobody's exactly sweating the surgeon general's warnings.) Here he befriends a former Russian rock guitarist named Eugene (Shea Whigham) who, with help from a bottle of beer, electrocuted himself onstage after being heckled one too many times. He brings Zia home to meet his family (yes, the gang's all there), and this is a scene I'll not soon forget.

Like emotional dominoes, one member of the tightly knit clan after another took their own life out of unbearable grief. Reunited in death, they are as close to bliss as it is possible to be in a place where it's physically impossible to smile. The old man thinks he's in an episode of "Leave It to Beaver" lost in a never-ending Beckett play. "There aren't many," he tells Zia over dinner in their cramped apartment, "who are so lucky as we are."

Later, Zia hears that the woman who left him in life has joined him in death, and he talks Eugene into accompanying him on a half-baked road trip to find her. Here, as in the rest of Dukic's film, it's the details, the little touches that surprise and enchant. Under the passenger seat in the Russian's junker is a black hole into which Fugit's character keeps dropping sunglasses, maps and cassette tapes. [illegible] are handwritten. Business must still be conducted, but nobody's into it enough to put forth more than minimal effort. When the two accidentally drive away from a desert gas station, yanking the nozzle off the pump, they're confronted by a beefy attendant. He's not angry, though. It happens all the time. He just wants Zia to fill out some metaphysical paperwork that asks, among other things, what was going through his mind when the incident happened.

A raven-haired hitchhiker (Shannyn Sossamon) winds up coming along for the ride, and the three soon find themselves guests of Tom Waits at a ramshackle operation that seems to be part commune and part carnival. The movie is based on Etgar Keret's story "Kneller's Happy Campers," and Waits plays Kneller — so I suppose it could be a campground of some kind. The kind where every now and then a dime-store miracle happens — a match Sossamon lights drifts up to heaven, the headlights on the junker suddenly work, people float a few feet off the ground, that sort of thing.

As you watch him here, you can't help but wish Waits got to work in front of the camera more often. It's a wonderful, whacked-out performance. The final act ties things up in surprisingly touching fashion with a series of clever, completely unexpected twists that make *Wristcutters* far and away the feel-good film of the year — at least, you know, among movies in which nobody has a pulse.

Dukic's done remarkable work here. He's produced one of the most singular and imaginative films in recent memory without an iota of showboating or pretension. And, as though that weren't enough, he's managed to make a movie in which everyone is dead thoroughly life-affirming.

RICK KISONAK

Lions for Lambs ★★½

TALKY PICTURES Pretty much every talking point from the last five years is jammed into Robert Redford's political "drama."

Robert Redford has won a directing Oscar, created the Sundance Film Festival and permanently emplaced himself in the hearts of female baby boomers. But apparently that's not enough. Redford's new movie, the first he's directed since 2000, suggests the star nurses a secret ambition — to be a college professor.

And he can — well, pretend to be, thanks to a screenplay by Matthew Michael Carnahan (*The Kingdom*). *Lions for Lambs* is billed as an explosively topical drama about America's role in the world since 9/11. But about a third of it consists of scenes in which Redford, as poli-sci professor Stephen Malley, lectures and exhorts and Socratically questions a student he's summoned to his office to find out why he's been MIA in class. The prof sees a spark of potential in this cynical frat boy and practically gives himself a coronary trying to fan it into flame. But Andrew Garfield plays the student so smarmily that audience members may be more inclined to wish this rich kid would find out how a Starbucks counter looks from the other side.

That pretty much sums up *Lions for Lambs*: wasted potential. The movie jumps back and forth among three story lines, unfolding roughly contemporaneously in different time zones. While Redford does his inspiring-teacher schtick in California, in Washington, D.C., high-powered journalist Meryl Streep is settling down for an exclusive interview with Republican Senator Tom Cruise, who wants to sell her on a new military offensive against Al Qaeda. Meanwhile, over in Afghanistan, soldiers are already enacting that new strategy, which isn't exactly a triumph of military planning.

Caught in the crossfire are a pair of troops (Derek Luke and Michael Peña) who just happen to be old buddies from Redford's class. As Redford tearfully explains to the slacker how this pair — both from disadvantaged backgrounds — won his respect and enlisted in the Army over his objections, we watch them battle for their lives. The irony is clear: While the privileged student sits on his ass, the kids from South Central L.A. are putting it all on the line. But Carnahan doesn't seem to think we'll grasp the point by ourselves, because he has Redford's character explain economic inequities to us. Meanwhile, back in D.C., Cruise is practically frothing at the mouth, declaiming, "Do you want to win the war on terror? Yes or no?" Luckily for us, Streep is right there to point out *his* hypocrisy.

The script is rife with debates, each of which might have been the seed of a great political movie. To their credit, Redford and Carnahan make a concerted effort to represent opposing points of view. Even Cruise gets in plenty of zingers, as when he points out that the press didn't start asking the president hard questions till *after* the invasion of Iraq. (Surrounded by American flags, he's like Bush 2.0, the complete-sentences version.)

The characters aren't straw men — but they aren't individuals, either. Nothing in the movie feels like real life. Even scenes set on an Afghan mountaintop amid blowing snow are weirdly inert and devoid of suspense. Unlike Ridley Scott with *Black Hawk Down* or David O. Russell with *Three Kings*, Redford doesn't have the action-directing skills to bring wartime chaos alive on the screen. And Carnahan doesn't have the writing chops — or perhaps the experience — to speak to the young folks whose apathy clearly bothers Redford.

Someday, someone will make a great movie about the mess we're in. But for now, if you want to see today's controversies come alive on the screen, you're better off with a doc. And if you want to take the pulse of America post-9/11, you'll learn more from genre fare like "24" or "Battlestar Galactica" or the *Bourne* trilogy than this movie. They may not be "realistic," but they get the hopes and fears right.

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AUGUST RUSH: A child prodigy who's never known his parents strives to find them via music in this high-concept tearjerker directed by Kirsten Sheridan. With Keri Russell, Freddie Highmore, Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Robin Williams. (113 min, PG. Majestic)

BEOWULF: Robert (*The Polar Express*) Zemeckis does his big-screen book-animating thing again, this time with a CGI version of the Old English epic about the battle between an evil demon and a mighty warrior. Featuring Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins and Angelina Jolie. (113 min, PG-13. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Roxy, Stowe)

CONTROL: Sam Riley and Samantha Morton are paired in the feature debut from director Anton Corbijn, which charts the rise and tragic fall of Joy Division leader Ian Curtis. With Harry Treadaway. (121 min, R. Roxy)

ENCHANTED: Live action and animation meet in this modern fairy tale about a beautiful princess who's banished from her kingdom by an evil queen and finds herself on the streets of present-day Manhattan. Starring Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey and Susan Sarandon. Kevin Lima directs. (108 min, PG. Bijou, Marquis, Stowe)

LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA: Mike (*Mona Lisa Smile*) Newell directs this adaptation of the Gabriel Garcia Marquez novel about a man who waits a lifetime to be with the love of his life. Javier Bardem and Giovanna Mezzogiorno star. (138 min, R. Palace)

MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM: Zach Helm wrote and directed this family fantasy about a magical toy store in which the merchandise comes to life for all who truly believe. With Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. (93 min, G. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Welden)

SHORTS

30 DAYS OF NIGHT★★★1/2 Vampires. They're everywhere these days. In this thriller from director David (*Hard Candy*) Slade, they're making themselves at home in the isolated Alaskan burg of Barrow, much to the horror of its inhabitants. Starring Josh Hartnett and Melissa George. (113 min, R. Bijou, Majestic)

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE★★★ Julie (*Frida*) Taymor directs this musical about a young couple whose love is tested by the chaos of the 1960s, featuring many of the Beatles' greatest hits. With Jim Sturgess, Evan Rachel Wood and Bono. (131 min, PG-13. Marquis, Roxy)

AMERICAN GANGSTER★★★★ Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington team up with *Gladiator* director Ridley Scott to tell the true story of Harlem drug lord Frank Lucas, lone wolf cop Richie Roberts, and how their lives intertwined in the '70s. With Chiwetel Ejiofor, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Josh Brolin. (157 min, R. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Roxy, Stowe, Welden)

BEE MOVIE★★1/2 Jerry Seinfeld makes his feature-film debut with this animated comedy about a college-educated insect who decides to sue the human race for stealing honey. Which might explain the picture's rather tepid buzz. Renee Zellweger, John Goodman and Chris Rock are also in the voice cast. (100 min, PG. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Marquis, Palace, Stowe, Welden)

DAN IN REAL LIFE★★★ Steve Carell stars in this romantic comedy about a widower who falls in love with a woman who turns out to be seeing his brother as well. Juliette Binoche costars. Peter Hedges directs. (98 min, PG-13. Essex, Majestic, Palace)

FRED CLAUS★1/2 From *Wedding Crashers* director David Dobkin comes this comedy about the friction between Jolly Old Saint Nick and his black sheep brother. Starring Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti and Miranda Richardson. (116 min, PG. Bijou, Essex, Majestic, Palace, Stowe, Welden)

GONE BABY GONE★★★★ Ben Affleck makes his directorial debut with this adaptation of Dennis Lehane's bestselling novel about the search for a missing girl in Boston. With Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Morgan Freeman and Ed Harris. (115 min, R. Essex, Majestic, Palace)

INTO THE WILD★★★1/2 Sean Penn directs this big-screen version of the bestselling nonfiction book by Jon Krakauer about a privileged young man who gave away his life savings, hitchhiked across the country and met with tragedy in the Alaskan wilderness. Starring Emile Hirsch, Vince Vaughn and Catherine Keener. (140 min, R. Palace, Savoy)

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LARS AND THE REAL GIRL ★★1/2 In this comedy about companionship, Ryan Gosling plays an introverted small-town fellow who startles his family when he introduces them to his new "girlfriend" — a blow-up doll. With Emily Mortimer, Patricia Clarkson and Paul Schneider. Craig Gillespie directs. (106 min, PG-13. Palace)

LIONS FOR LAMBS ★★1/2 Robert Redford directs and stars in this antiwar drama about an idealistic college professor who encourages his students to make a difference in the world. With Meryl Streep and Tom Cruise. (92 min, R. Essex, Majestic, Palace, Roxy)

Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman and Adrien Brody play disaffected brothers trying to bond on a train trip across India. Yes, Bill Murray and Anjelica Huston show up. (91 min, R. Roxy, Savoy)

THIS IS ENGLAND ★★★★1/2 Joe Gilgun and Stephen Graham star in writer-director Shane Meadows' autobiographical account of coming of age in the working-class England of the 1980s. (98 min, NR. Savoy)

WRISTCUTTERS: A LOVE STORY ★★★★ In his debut feature, Croatian filmmaker Goran Dukic offers the offbeat story of a young man who kills himself and then, in an afterlife reserved for suicides, embarks on a quest for

haiku film review BY JOHN TAYLOR

Fred Claus ★1/2

Way too long and drab
Sucked the joy out of Christmas;
Stay far, far away

LUST, CAUTION ★★★ Ang Lee directs this erotic espionage thriller, which takes place during the Second World War and tells the story of a young Chinese woman who participates in a plot to assassinate a powerful Japanese collaborator. Tang Wei and Tony Leung star. (157 min, NC-17. Roxy)

MARTIAN CHILD ★★1/2 Menno (Max) Meyjes directs this drama about a widowed sci-fi writer who adopts a boy claiming to be from Mars and eventually discovers reason to believe him. John Cusack, Amanda Peet and Bobby Coleman star. (108 min, PG. Majestic)

MICHAEL CLAYTON ★★★ George Clooney stars in the directorial debut of screenwriter Tony Gilroy (all three *Bourne* films), a legal thriller in which a corporate attorney's conscience begins to bother him after years spent doing his firm's dirtiest work. Also starring Tom Wilkinson, Sydney Pollack and Tilda Swinton. (120 min, R. Essex, Roxy)

P2 ★★ Writer-director Franck Khalfoun makes his feature debut with this holiday horror item about a young woman who works late on Christmas Eve, only to be taken prisoner by the security guard in her building's parking garage. Rachel Nichols and Wes Bentley star. (98 min, R. Majestic)

SAW IV ★★ Tobin Bell and Scott Patterson team up for the marquee in torture porn in which a police officer is abducted and forced to fight for his life as part of a maniacal game. Betsy Russell costars. Darren Lynn Bousman (*Saw III*) directs. (108 min, R. Essex, Majestic, Welden)

THE DARJEELING LIMITED ★★★1/2 In writer-director Wes Anderson's new exercise in whimsy,

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LA VIE EN ROSE ★★★1/2 Marion Cotillard stars in writer-director Olivier Dahan's look at the life of legendary French chanteuse Edith Piaf. With Gerard Depardieu and Pascal Greggory. (140 min, PG-13)

OCEAN'S THIRTEEN ★★ Steven Soderbergh and the boys return to Vegas in the third installment in the breezy series. Al Pacino joins the fun as a sleazy casino operator who crosses the path of Clooney's character and finds himself looking at some painful payback. Also featuring Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Elliott Gould and, well, you know the crew. (122 min, PG-13)

SHREK THE THIRD ★★ Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, Eddie Murphy and Antonio Banderas lend their voices in the latest installment of the mega-successful series. This time around, the green giant is not so jolly about the prospect of becoming Far Far Away's next king. The vocal cast also includes Julie Andrews, John Cleese, Justin Timberlake and Regis Philbin. Raman Hui and Chris Miller direct. (93 min, PG) ⓟ

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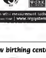

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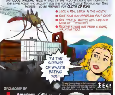

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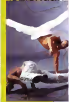

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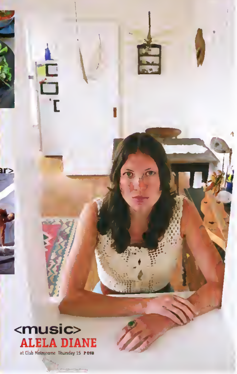

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Potage preparers — and lovers — weigh their stock options

BY SUZANNE PODHAIZER

There's an inverse relationship between soup sales and the temperature outdoors. As one goes down, the other soars. That's why falling leaves prompt Crock-Pot thoughts and every ski resort eatery offers a steaming *soupe du jour*.

There's another reason. Soup has been around since the beginning of time; the earliest evidence of a thickened savory liquid — hippopotamus stew — dates back to around 6000 B.C. It took the French, of course, to make it an art. "Consommé" held its own at the table until the Great Depression gave soup a bad name. Then came the Campbell's craze. It wasn't until the '60s, when back-to-the-landers got back to basics, that people began to rediscover the potential of potage.

Think of soup as a side dish, something to precede a meaty main course? These days, with nutritionists touting the healthful properties of a well-composed tureen, cookbooks with names like *Soup Suppers* and *The Daily Soup* abound.

Restaurants reflect the trend. As a convenience or take-out food, soup lacks a certain, well, portability. But if you're willing to risk some sloshing in the container or to opt for a frozen version, the possibilities are endless, from the bracing broth of a bisque to the more extreme, a stew that's a meal in itself.

Appropriately, considering its climate, Vermont boasts quite a few restaurants where *soup's always on*. Here's a sampling of some where soup is more than just another item on the menu, along with some recipes.

Alex's Restaurant: Home of the Vermont Soup Company

Address. 1838 Williston Road, South Burlington

Phone 852-5678

Varieties include: Grandma Daisy's Chicken Soup, Vermont Corn Chowder, Vegan Chili, Maple Pumpkin Bisque, Lobster Bisque, Roasted Garlic Cheddar Potato, Vegetarian Split Pea, New England Clam Chowder, Chicken and Biscuit, Vegetarian French Onion

Stuff you can get with your soup: gravy fries, buffalo wings, Greek salad, fish filet sandwich, tuna melt, warm veggie wrap, bacon burger, hot turkey platter

Price range: $3.95-10.95

When Chef Alex Marko moved to Vermont to be closer to his family, he decided to open a casual restaurant that specialized in soup. "I sort of felt — before the age of global warming, when Vermont had more severe winters — that soup would be a good sell here," he explains.

The winters have warmed up, but the restaurant is still cookin', with its roomy dining room and laid-back, family-friendly atmosphere. "We don't want to be too pricey," Marko says. "I'm more into feeding people than impressing people."

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soups, plus a pair of daily specials. Variety sets Alexe Restaurant apart; so do the larger numbers of vegetarian offerings, perhaps because Marko himself is a vegetarian. Meat is easier to leave out than fat, however. "We are a little heavy into the cream soups," Marko confesses.

Not all the ingredients are local — notably the beef. But Marko says that "like everybody else ... I try to stay with local produce when I can, and for sure the local dairy products. ... It's just my little place." His goal, like his main offering, is humble: "We like what we do and we like when people enjoy themselves."

Maple Pumpkin Bisque

This simple, sweet soup has "a nice pumpkin color and flavor," says Marko. "I don't put any salt in it ... it's a little desserty." Marko, who is diabetic, doesn't get to sample the soup. But if customer response is any indication, he's doing something right. "Everybody asks me for the recipe," he boasts. And he's always willing to give it out, because he "likes to spread the joy around."

6 cups roasted or canned pumpkin, tightly packed
3 cups Vermont maple syrup
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon cloves
2 cups heavy cream
4 cups water

Blend all ingredients together in a pot. Heat until hot, but not boiling. Serve.

Cheese Outlet/Fresh Market

Address: 400 Pine Street, Burlington
Phone: 863-3968
Varieties include: Ginger Spice Butternut Squash, Mushroom Sherry, Carrot Bisque, Turkey Stew, Tuscan White Bean and Molinari Salami Stew, Roasted Tomato, Vichyssoise, Sweet Onion and Cambozola, Vegetarian Chili, Meat Chili, Gazpacho and Lentil, Bacon & Red Wine
Stuff you can get with your soup: fresh-baked artisan breads, dozens of varieties of cheese, pastries, sandwiches and salads from the prepared foods case, miscellaneous gourmet groceries
Price range: $3-7.49

It's not unusual for the Fresh Market to sell out of soup. One day last week, two popular varieties were gone by 1 p.m. "We'd had almost eight gallons of soup out there," marvels Jamie Nelson, who has worked on and off for three years at the South End gourmet grocery.

Every day, the Fresh Market kitchen churns out two different soups, one of which is always meat-free. There's also chili, which alternates between meaty and veggie versions. When customers don't scarf up all the soup by closing time, employees "portion it out into two-cup containers and put the containers in the freezer," says Nelson. "On any given day we may have up to 20 different kinds of soup in our freezer." When the freezer's packed, it's time for a buy-one-get-one-free sale. "Those days are always hectic," he says, grinning. "There's usually a line out the door."

Why the run on the hot stuff? Soup is "part of our culture here," says Nelson. And it sure doesn't hurt that cooks at the Fresh Market "try to use all fresh, local vegetables, which we sell here all year round," he goes on. "We use Misty Knoll chicken to make our chicken stock."

Have a super soup concept but don't want to prepare it yourself? Just ask. "The public is always open to suggest something, and we'll put it on the menu," Nelson says.

Tuscan White Bean and Molinari Salami Stew

This warming soup is like antipasto in a bowl.

4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
8 ounces Molinari salami
1 teaspoon hot pepper flakes
1 carrot
4 large white onions
1 pound celery
8 cups cooked cannellini beans
3 tablespoons garlic
2 cups white wine
2 tablespoons tarragon
2 tablespoons fresh sage
3 tablespoons parsley
1 tablespoon mint
4 cups stewed tomatoes, diced
3 bay leaves
1 cup green Provence olives, chopped
1 gallon chicken stock, preferably homemade

Dice the carrot, onions and celery, setting each aside separately. Heat olive oil in a large stockpot over medium heat. While oil is heating, dice the salami. Add salami and pepper flakes to the pot and cook for two minutes. Add celery and carrots. Cook, stirring, until nearly tender. Add onions. When the onions are translucent, add all remaining ingredients.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat to keep the pot at a simmer, and let simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.

Serve with French, or any other favorite bread.

Park Squeeze

Address: 161 Main Street, Vergennes
Phone: 877-3996
Varieties include: Butternut Squash, Roasted Corn Chowder, "Be the Bowl" dishes made with one of five broths and a choice of add-ins
Stuff you can get with your soup: roasted beet salad, Caesar salad, chilled Thai peanut noodles, blackened fish wrap, wasabi shrimp wrap, polenta fries, spanakopita, lunch and dinner specials
Price range: $3.50-10.75

When Betsy Vick lived in California, she was a fan of noodle shops. There, in the Asian-American tradition, each bowl of "soup" came with pre-set ingredients. A #5 might hold rice noodles and shiitake mushrooms, while a #8 contained brown rice and strips of beef.

When she relocated to Vermont, Vick decided to recreate the experience, but with a DIY twist. "We have five different broths," she explains. "The curry is creamy;" the chicken, lemongrass, mushroom and miso are "brothy." The process is easy: Select your base, pick a protein, a starch and five veggies, and you're good to go.

Vick makes sure that the options go beyond the standard local chicken and beef. There's also fish, tiger shrimp, duck, mock duck and organic tofu.

Chicken Broth

"Being in a house or kitchen with a bubbling pot of chicken stock is one of the best smells," enthuses Park Squeeze Chef Sanderson Wheeler. "We make chicken broth here, entirely from scratch."

4 pounds meaty chicken bones
1 part carrots
2 parts onions
1 part celery
1 bunch herbs, containing oregano, thyme and bay leaves
2 gallons water

Roughly chop vegetables. Combine all ingredients in a stockpot and simmer it for about four hours. Strain. Add a little bit of soy sauce and salt to taste.

Pho Dang

Address: 215 Main Street, Winooski
Phone: 655-0707
Varieties include: Pho Ga (chicken), Pho Dac Biet (rare beef, soft tendon, well-done beef), Pho Tai (rare beef), Pho Tai Bo Vien (rare beef, beef meatballs), Pho Tai Chin Nam (rare beef, well-done beef flank), Pho Tai Nam Gau (rare beef, brisket, well-done beef), Pho Rau (vegetable), Hu Tiu Mi (pork, shrimp, quail egg, vegetables), Mi Tau Mi Hoanh Thanh (pork, shrimp, vegetable, yellow noodle, wonton)
Stuff you can get with your soup: Imperial roll, spring roll, Bun Bo Xao Xa Ot Cha Gio (stir-fried beef, egg roll, hot pepper and lemongrass with vermicelli), Com Chien Duong Chau (fried rice), Com Tofu Xao Xa Ot (stir-fried tofu, lemongrass, onion, scallion and hot pepper with rice)
Price range: $5.50-7.50

In major cities, restaurants have served "pho" — pronounced "fuh" — for decades. But in Vermont, you've got to search for this hearty soup, a Vietnamese dish influenced by French cuisine. Two places to find it are Essex's Vietnam Restaurant and Winooski's Pho Dang.

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where it's the main course.

At Pho Dang, everything is made from scratch, says staffer Jade Le. "It's beef, and usually they boil the beef bones overnight, and that's why the soup has a sweet taste," she explains. The restaurant sells so much that its cooks make four big pots every day: three beef and one chicken." Noodles and strips of meat float in savory herbal broth, which the customers top with bean sprouts, squirts of lime, fresh herbs and a variety of sauces to taste.

Le confirms that Pho Dang's most popular offering is not the pho version that comes with tripe and tendon — customers prefer a Vietnamese variation on homely chicken noodle soup. "American people like chicken," she points out. "They say everything tastes like chicken."

Business at Pho Dang was good even before the cold weather quickened the pace. On a recent chilly day, Le says, a pair of customers told her that "they woke up early in the morning, and the only thing they could think of was hot soup."

That's Life Soup

Address: 41 Elm Street, Montpelier
Phone: 223-5333
Varieties include: Pistou, Ridiculously Healthy Ukrainian Borscht, Caribbean Cod, White Chili, Greek Lemon Chicken, Moroccan Beef, Chicken and Beef Pho, Salmon Chowder, Cajun Sausage-Butternut Squash with Coconut, Sweet Potato Bisque with Jalapeño Cream
Stuff you can get with your soup: seasonal mixed greens salad, French grille sandwiches, Gus' grown-up soda, homemade desserts
Price range: $6-12

Just like coffee people say you've gotta grind your own beans, soup people gush about making stock from scratch. When cooks take short-cuts, "the soup doesn't really turn out," insists That's Life Soup owner Pam Root. Because she goes through so much of her own fresh broth each day, Root always has a 30-gallon pot of veggie stock simmering away. She calls it the "universal donor," because she can use it to thin or enhance any soup, any time.

The stainless behemoth boasts a spigot on the bottom — a must, since it's too heavy to lift and pour when filled to the brim. "Some people really appreciate soup, and they know what goes into that process," Root goes on.

Clearly, she's one of those people. A 15-year veteran of Ben & Jerry's, Root used to spend a lot of time on the road. When she got home, a homey bowl of soup was often the first thing on her mind. After her son left for college, Root started giving her soup away to friends, who liked it so much, they suggested she open a business.

Cooks at TLS make two new soups each day, choosing from a repertoire of hundreds. In fact, "We try to make one completely new kind each day," says Root, though she admits to occasionally honoring customer requests for favorites. "This week, someone requested Greek lemon chicken, and another requested mulligatawny" — a "pepper water" soup featuring chicken and curry flavors that came out of British-controlled India. Though some customers are surprised by the unique selections on the menu, they tend to be pleased once they start slurping.

"It's such good food. It's comforting. It's healthy," says Root, with the passion of a born soup evangelist. "There are people who say, 'You've opened up my horizons to soup. I used to just think of chicken noodle.'"

Cha Cha's White Chicken Chili
4 tablespoons oil
4 onions, diced
8 cloves of garlic, minced
2 jalapeño peppers, diced fine
1 teaspoon cumin
1/2 tablespoon plus some oregano, dried
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
10 cups chicken stock, preferably homemade — if not, good-quality store bought, not canned
8 cups chicken breast, roasted and shredded
8 cups white beans
8 cups Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (6 cups for soup, 2 cups for garnish)

Heat the oil in a sauté pan. Saute the onions for three minutes. Add the minced garlic and sauté for another minute. Add the jalapeño peppers. Saute until onions become translucent, around five minutes or so. Add cumin, oregano and cayenne. Stir. Cook for one minute. Heat the stock in a stockpot. Add the onion-pepper mixture, then add shredded chicken and white beans. Heat until hot, 10 to 15 minutes. Don't overcook. Add 6 cups Monterey Jack cheese; heat until that melts. Serve, garnished with leftover Monterey Jack and fresh Italian parsley. ⓥ

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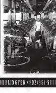
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The "Soup Mama" brings home cooking right to your door

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BY ALICE LEVITT

Camille Murray Wilson is not a fan of her mother's homemade soup. "If I had to eat that, I would want to puke. I'm sorry," the youngster proclaims. "I don't like the grilled cheese at school because it comes with soup." Despite her distaste, the 5-year-old gets into her bike trailer every Tuesday and accompanies her mom, Lorraine Murray, on a mission. Because Murray isn't just Camille's "soup mama" — since last September, she's Burlington's.

To Old North End residents, the sight of Murray on her bike, a trailer full of soup wobbling behind her, is nothing new. Rain or shine, she delivers a weekly dose of hot comfort food to about a dozen local clients. With advertisements on the neighborhood-based networking site Frontporchforum.com and her own blog (thesoupmama.wordpress.com), Murray is targeting Burlington as the home of her would-be soup empire.

The svelte 26-year-old is not the first person to build a cycle-powered soup-delivery business. Ultra-convenient operations such as hers have sprung up around the country. Murray considers David Ansel, the "Soup Peddler" of Austin, Texas, a mentor. Now the owner of a successful store that bears his on-the-street sobriquet, Ansel has attracted notice from no less prestigious a pub than *Food and Wine* magazine. "He's done it all," Murray says admiringly. "I email him when I have questions and it's really good to have that."

An Austin native, Murray heard about Ansel from her mom — who just happens to be the Soup Peddler's bookkeeper — and was convinced her daughter could repeat his success. "She was on me for a couple of years, saying, 'You have to do this. Burlington would be so perfect,'" Murray explains. "And finally I was, like, 'OK, OK, I'll try it.'"

The Soup Mama's process begins on Monday, when she posts the soup of the week on her blog. (Offerings include black bean soup au pistou and gumbo with chicken and sausage.) On Saturday night at 8, she tallies up the orders, which arrive via email. The following Monday evening, after Murray has finished her other job caring for a toddler, her home transforms for a few hours into a professional kitchen.

On Tuesday, Murray loads Camille into one side of her bike trailer, homemade soup on the other. Camille clutches a flower-adorned knit purse to hold the money her mother collects on doorsteps and back porches as she drops off her quarts. Murray prefers that repeat clients leave their payment in plastic containers, which she'll return, filled to the brim with savory soup, the following week.

One client in the Old North End, Hillary Holmes, praises Murray's business as "local from the ground up." "My partner and I feel that it's important to support local business. And we really love soup," she says. "We get Junior's bread from the market down the street and love having that with it, too."

To serve a clientele that likes to keep it in the neighborhood, Murray buys ingredients from Vermont whenever she can. "Last week I did potato leek soup. I got the potatoes from Chappelle's and the leeks from Lewis Creek in Starksboro," she says. "I have some butternut squash from Digger's Mirth that's waiting to be made [into soup]." The Intervale is an easy trip on a bike, and Murray and Camille often pedal there for other produce in season.

Buying local, however, is not Murray's only concern. Nutrition is key to her vegetable-rich soups. With parents who own a natural food business, Murray grew up vegetarian before it was hip. Her childhood, filled with tofu dishes and yogurt, influences the food she prepares for her family and her customers. "When I had Camille, it all registered," she muses. "I don't like to peel the potatoes; I'm used to leaving the skin on."

That doesn't mean her wares are downright ascetic. Murray is quick to add, "I try to make healthy food, but cream is good, too. It makes its way in."

Murray has no formal culinary training, and she says her late-blooming love of cuisine was born from the necessity of cooking for her family. In fact, she reveals, "The only things I cooked were spaghetti and chimichangas" before she met David Wilson, Camille's father, with whom she now lives. Murray teasingly refers to Wilson — a sports writer and occasional NPR pundit — as her "executive taster."

When the Soup Mama kicked off her business, the very first soup she served was curried lentil, a homely and soothing potage. "Lentil soup was my favorite soup as a kid. So I thought it would be perfect to start this whole venture with an adult version of my favorite growing up," Murray says. Though she sells plenty of hot stuff these days — up to a dozen regulars and counting — the first week she had a limited customer base. "Only one person got it."

Murray keeps her kitchen admirably clean for any busy mom, let alone a professional cook. The room is decorated with Camille's artwork and school notices; only the neatly stacked piles of bulk spices and the giant stainless-steel stockpot perched on the stove indicate its second, not-so-domestic function.

Before becoming the Soup Mama, Murray had never cooked for a group larger than her family, and she's still working out the kinks. "I'm learning, and I'm still always going to be learning," she explains, crushing cloves of garlic with an intimidating-looking knife. "You don't just cook gallons and gallons of food at home."

As Murray chops and sautés onions, Camille fetches a cloth to help dry her mother's eyes. As she adds other veggies and curry powder to the mix, the room begins to smell of India. While Murray checks on the soup's progress, Camille reads the picture book *Olivia* aloud. Today she's more interested in dancing and twirling for an audience than in cooking, but Murray says soup making can be a bonding activity. When the concoction is done, it's reminiscent of a good mulligatawny, with a sweet first bite and a subtly spicy undertone that surprises the taster.

Although she got a new car for her last birthday, Murray favors the environmental and health perks of her two-wheeled transportation. She plans to continue delivering by bike unless the weather absolutely forbids it. A few weeks ago, she dropped off her wares during a torrential downpour, an ordeal that yielded some wise advice: "Don't ride a bike in jeans when it's raining out." As it gets too cold for Camille to accompany her, Murray plans to replace her kiddie trailer with a larger one, which will sport a massive cooler.

Murray says her business grows each week. For now, her delivery area is limited to the Old North End and downtown, but she sees expansion in the future. "I'd like to offer lunch delivery for businesses. I'd like to keep it on my bike as much as I can, but eventually move on to the south side [of Burlington]."

But her vision doesn't end there. With the example of the *Soup Peddler* in mind, Murray envisions herself running a store that would be "a soup shop during fall and winter and true Tex-Mex take-out in the summer. That would be fun!"

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SCUFFER DO-OVER

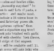
BONES AND BEER REIGN AT NEW "STEAK & ALE" JOINT

The Rusty Scuffer, a homey Church Street mainstay, will re-open this week as **The Scuffer Steak & Ale House**. "If everything goes as planned, Wednesday will be the day," says new owner **Mike Williams**, who also owns **Kountry Kart Deli**. "If it's closed, it means that Mike ran into another glitch."

Williams believes that the new menu will please long-term Scuffer aficionados and foodies alike. "I think people will be pleasantly surprised," he opines. What'll they have to eat? Lots of pasta, a "very large seafood selection" and macho meat. Carnivore entrées will include a 24-ounce bone-in rib eye and — on Friday and Saturday — prime rib.

There'll be "more vegetarian options" than before, but the restaurant's signature app won't be one of 'em. It's a Greek pita brushed with garlic and olive oil and topped with cheddar, bleu cheese, caramelized onions and strips of filet mignon.

The full dinner menu will be available until 11. Thereafter, a smaller pub menu will sate folks who want to sop up their ale, flowing from 15 different taps. "The lowest two are Michelob Light and Labatt," Williams reports, "but everything else is a microbrew." Also on draft: locally brewed **Rookie's Root Beer**.



In addition to the menu makeover, Williams has made physical improvements to the place. He reports a more open floor plan, refinished wood floors and porcelain tiles in place of worn-out carpets. Even the ladies' room got spruced up. The gents' wasn't as lucky. "It's the only thing we didn't touch in the whole place," admits Williams.

Two other things won't change, either. First is the Scuffer's deal with the UVM b-ball teams. "We feed players three hours before all home games," says Williams. "We're keeping the tradition alive." Each time, a few of Vermont's tallest get to sit in "the Coach's corner," where Tom Brennan used to hold court. It now features a "nice booth and a TV," one of five high-definition screens in the place.

The second Rusty Scuffer constant? "We'll continue to favor the Red Sox," Williams vows, "but we'll still serve Yankees fans."

COFFEE ON THE GO

A NEW ESSEX DRIVE-THROUGH DELIVERS

The Coffee Barn, a double-sided java drive-through, has been open since July, but unless you keep your eyes peeled when you drive down Route 15 in Essex — a.k.a. Pearl Street — you may not have noticed. It's located in a small building in the parking lot of Essex Automotive.

According to **Sara Richard**, 27, who owns the Coffee Barn with partner **David O'Donnell**, 23, finding it was kismet. She'd always wanted to own a "cafe-style place." O'Donnell noticed the place was for sale and contacted the owner. Then "everything fell into place."

The duo swapped out the Costco sweets for Richard's homemade muffins — in flavors such as mixed berry, blueberries and cream cheese, and cranberry-almond — as well as biscotti and scones made by locals. The **Brown & Jenkins** coffee comes from right down the road. "It's roasted the day I pick it up, usually. The quality is much better than what people were receiving before," Richards suggests.

Right now they brew three or four varieties, including French roast and breakfast blend, from 6 a.m. to noon on weekdays, with shorter hours on Saturday. But Richard plans to "bump up" business hours soon, and to continue doing so as they expand beyond their loyal early-morning crowd. "People who come here have been so helpful," she says. "Now we're looking at how we can reach out and bring more people in."

CRUMBS

LEFTOVER FOOD NEWS

Vermont-based **Madhouse Munchies** may be made with canola oil rather than EVOO, but that didn't stop Food Network phenom Rachael Ray from touting them as her "snack of the day" last Tuesday on her eponymous television show. Before breaking for a commercial, the perky host opened a bag of mesquite BBQ chips and started chowing down.

Like other "local" products that have gone big time, the snack food is no longer made in the Green Mountains. However, the company headquarters remain.

Where do they actually cook the crunchy stuff? Vermont Operations Supervisor **Heather Boudreau** won't say. "I don't think it's public information," she reports. According to an April article in the *Boston Globe*, they're fried in Connecticut and Ohio.

Cooking With Shelburne Farms: Food and Stories from Vermont by **Melissa Pasanen** and **Rick Gencarelli** may feature Green Mountain products and tales, but fans are popping up across the country.

On a blog called Bay Area Bites, hosted by the multimedia public broadcasting company KQED, Amy Sherman writes, "Though I receive a fair number of regional cookbooks, I usually don't find them very interesting. So I really did not expect to fall in love with *Cooking with Shelburne Farms: Food and Stories from Vermont*. But I did."

The book also got a front-page spot on a website called The Good Cook. TGC is a biz that sells cookbooks the way BMG sells CDs.

And there's more. "It's in Costco, I guess," reports author Pasanen, adding, "I don't belong to Costco."

But she does subscribe to Lynne Rossetto Kasper's "The Splendid Table" newsletter, so she noticed when the NPR host featured a recipe from her book in the e-missive. "There are so many cookbooks out, but there are only 52 cookbooks that get to be on there each year," Pasanen points out proudly.

Perhaps that explains the upcoming second printing. The first run was 16,500 books.

Restaurants tweak their menus all the time, and often the changes are tasty but unremarkable. However, a recent update at **Big Fatty's BBQ** in Burlington is a bit weirder than run-of-the-mill additions. Along with fried okra, which is unique enough in the Green Mountains, the Southern-style eatery is also serving a meaty treat more likely to be found in the Okefenokee Swamp: gator sausage.

The items were "added two weeks ago," says kitchen manager **Neil Berry**. "Some people see gator sausage and some show a lot of interest while others are immediately turned off." That probably won't be the case with their next planned addition, Cuban pork tenderloin. Berry expects it to be available in about two weeks.

Quatorze Bistro, which replaced Greenstreet's Restaurant on the corner of Main and Battery, will soon be re-christened. Why? A Big Apple restaurant with the same name doesn't want to share.

Although the restaurant's newly chosen moniker hasn't yet been approved by the state, the owners are hoping to call it **Quatre** — that translates to "four," as opposed to "14" in French. There's a new winter dinner menu and corresponding wine list, but spokesperson **Melissa Stuart** says everything else about the resto's concept will stay the same.

A Mexican staple since 1978, Burlington's **Tortilla Flat** closed on November 12. This time, it's for good. According to owner David Powell, "One of the factors was the roadwork going through." Another: "The economy and the price of oil." Powell doesn't yet have any plans for the Riverside Avenue property, which he owns.

For more food news, read Suzanne Podhaizer's "Omnivore" blog, sponsored by New England Culinary Institute.

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FOLKADELIA :: The term "freak-folk" is a hard one, indeed. Originally reserved for artsy oddballs such as Devendra Banhart or Joanna Newsom, the phrase is now used to encompass a wide range of songwriters who eschew the typical trappings of the folk-song construct. To that end, you could call Portland, Oregon, singer **Alela Diane**'s music "freak-folk." Or you could call it what it really is: enchantingly abstract poetic lyricism, beautifully rendered and artfully crafted. Get your melancholia freak on this Thursday at Club Metronome as the songwriter appears with local indie siren **Zoe Clemens** and artsy acoustic outfit **Made Vertical**.

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DEAFENED BY HARDCORE

BLINDED BY RAGE

The year was 1996. **Bill Clinton** was celebrating the first days of his second presidential term when — oops — Jamaican port authorities [illegible] fire on **Jimmy Buffett**'s seaplane, mistaking it for a drug-trafficking aircraft — with U2 singer/romantic [illegible] **Bono** aboard, no less. **MC Hammer**, perhaps not quite legit enough to quit, filed for bankruptcy. **Tupac Shakur** died from gunshot wounds outside a Las Vegas hotel. **The Fugees**, **Jamiroquai** and **The Ramones** all [illegible]. **The Monkees**, **Poison** and **Kiss** all reunited. And in a cold, jam-infested city on New England's West Coast, local hardcore heroes **Blinded by Rage** were born. Coincidence? Yes. Completely.

Formed during the mid-1990s' "golden age" of the NYC hardcore movement, BBR has perfected that rare strain of heavy music that ably marries old-school hardcore crunch with the technical and melodic virtuosity of metal. The result is a vicious blow to the dome-piece, sonically speaking — literally, if we're talkin' mosh pits.

After a lengthy hiatus, the band re-emerged in 2005, rising like a phoenix from the ashes of a [illegible] hardcore/metal scene to rescue [illegible] kids from the malaise of emo tyranny. OK, maybe it wasn't quite that dramatic. But the band's return was cause for some rejoicing among local hardcore and metal fans alike. High fives and [illegible] all around!

Anyway, the band is set to release its first full-length disc, *Here's to the Wreckage*, and is celebrating in grand style as Higher Ground's "Artist of the Month" for November. Kudos, boys.

Join in the steel-toed aggro-fest this Friday as local hardcore boosters Let Rock Rest Burlington presents Blinded by Rage's CD release with Brooklyn's [illegible] **Tombstone**. By the way, the [illegible] refer to themselves as the "Dr. Pepper of metal" in a world of Coke vs. Pepsi. Also sharing the bill are local metal-heads **Vicious Cycle** and **The New Tony Bennett**, fresh from an opening slot with Antarctican monsters of mayhem **GWAR**.

Sadly, [illegible] offshoot **Man With the Bull** were originally slated to perform, but were forced to cancel as the [illegible] recently confiscated [illegible] the band. Bummer.

BAFFLED BY SARCASM

According to the very first blurb on **Cheryl Wheeler**'s website, "Nothing you read and nothing you hear from her albums prepares you for how good a performer she is." Hmm. Kinda makes things — and her website — pointless, doesn't it? Despite the fact that there's apparently nothing I can tell you about her that will do the folk-comedienne justice, I'm gonna give it a shot anyway. Why the hell not, right?

Wheeler has been wowing [illegible] her unique brand of comedic folk music since 1983. Following a brief stint on Capitol Records, she was picked up by [illegible] — a division of folk [illegible] Rounder Records — and has seen her tunes covered by none other than folk trio **Peter, Paul & Mary**.

While Wheeler's recorded efforts are typically laden with achingly sentimental [illegible] portraits, it's her off-kilter live performances that have endeared her to fans worldwide. More comedy-club than coffeehouse [illegible], her stage show seamlessly blends the [illegible] heartstring tugs found on her albums with engaging — and often irreverent — comedic banter. Word on the street is that she [illegible] a yarn or two as well.

Catch Wheeler in her true element this Saturday as part of the ongoing Mad River Unplugged music series at the Valley Players Theater in Waitsfield.

CHERYL WHEELER

PLAYING POSSUM

Sometimes a little change will do you good — especially if you're homeless. Rimshot. Wow. That was off-color, even for me.

Anyway, local indie-folky outfit **PossumHaw** has some big changes afoot and a new mandolin player to boot. I'm not sure what happened to original mandolinist **Matt Bolam**, but as they're an old-time group, I'm guessing there were some serious moonshine-fueled "Behind the Music" shenanigans going on. Or maybe he just had other stuff to do. Who knows?

What I do know is that the new guy's name is **Justin May**. He hails from Houlton by way of Alaska and brings driving chops and soulful high harmony to the group's already impressive sound. PossumHaw recently finished a new tape with guys in Morrisville and Burlington and, by all accounts, things are going swimmingly.

PossumHaw is one of the more exciting young bands in an already vibrant local Americana scene. If you haven't seen them yet, I'd recommend doing so — like, say, this Friday at The Ball & Chain Café in Brandon.

RADIATION THERAPY

It's been a long time coming, but 105.9 **The Radiator** is finally on the air. The brainchild of Radio Bean proprietor **Lee Anderson** and Big Heavy World's **Jim Lockridge**, the station has been in the works for years, and only recently jumped through the myriad licensing and financial hoops necessary to bring the station to fruition.

WOMN-LP officially launched on the first weekend of November with a live broadcast of the Bean's annual birthday bash, so even if you couldn't make it to the center of Burlington's hipster universe to join the party, you could follow along on your transistor radio. Of course, you would have missed out on the free coffee.

The station followed up the broadcast by airing live events from last weekend's IndieCon 2007 and is now ironing out programming schedules for the very near future.

According to Anderson, "105.9 The Radiator is the result of a life-long dream to create a non-formatted community radio station that could broadcast local music, live music from local venues, and creative live music programming such as local theater. That's quite a rarity on today's Clear Channel-dominated airwaves."

An "official" launch party is planned for the upcoming holiday hibernating season. In the meantime, for more information on everything from philosophy, programming and playlists to submitting music and becoming a DJ yourself, check out www.theradiator.org.

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JAZZ JAM, Radio Bean, 6 p.m. NC, **SHANE HARDIMAN GROUP** (jazz), 8 p.m. NC, **ANTONY SANTOR TRIO** (jazz), 11 p.m. NC
FRIENDS OF JOE WITH PAUL ASBELL & LARRY MORRISEY (blues, jazz), Halvorson's, 8 p.m. NC
BARIKA ENSEMBLE (Afro-blues), Dobrá Tea, 8 p.m. NC
ELLEN POWELL & NICK CASSARINO (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC
POLYESTER (funk), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 11 p.m. NC
A-DOG PRESENTS (electronic dance), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC
KLIQUE WITH MIKE FITZ & ELLIOTT MATOS (Latin), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC
TOP HAT TRIVIA, Nectar's, 7:30 p.m. NC, followed by **FUZE UNIVERSE, DIRTY** (rock), 9 p.m. NC. AA
JESS CLEMONS, ALELA DIANE, MUSA VERITAS (afro, singer-songwriters), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. $5/10. 18+
WILD OUT WITH DJ DEKE (hip-hop, reggae), Second Floor, 10 p.m. NC/$5. 18+
TOP HAT ENTERTAINMENT DANCE PARTY (hip-hop, r&b, DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. NC
DJ BIG DIG & MATLOCK MUSIC (reggae), Plan B, 8 p.m. NC
DJ [illegible] (down tempo, soul), The Green Room, 9 p.m. NC
THE GOSHEN RAMBLERS (bluegrass), The Skinny Pancake, 10 p.m. NC
NICK CASSARINO (jazz), [illegible] Lounge, 7:30 p.m. NC
BENEVENTO/RUSSO DUO, CHRIS HARFORD & THE BAND OF CHANGES (space-jazz, indie), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8:30 p.m. $13/15. AA
BIG GRACE, WILL KIRK'S SOUL CELEBRATION (jam, soul), The Monkey House, 9 p.m. $3
KYLA GRAVES (singer-songwriter), Blue Star Café, 8 p.m. NC
BLUES NIGHT WITH JOE MOORE BLUES BAND, Backstage Pub, 7 p.m. NC
WCLX BLUES NIGHT WITH GREAT BROOK BLUES BAND, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC
BALANCE 123 & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC

champlain valley

[illegible] (rockabilly), On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC
[illegible] (rock), Two Brothers Tavern, 10 p.m. NC

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ABBY JENNE (acoustic), Charlie O's, 9 p.m. NC
EMILY KURN (singer-songwriter), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations, followed by **CHUCK E. COSTA** (singer-songwriter), 9 p.m. Donations.
QUARRY QUIZ TRIVIA NIGHT, Stonecutters Brewhouse, 8 p.m. NC, followed by **TIM BRICK** (acoustic), 7:30 p.m. NC
DAVID MURPHY (Americana roots), Cider House BBQ & Pub, 7 p.m. NC
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[illegible] BAND (rock), Monopole, 10 p.m. NC
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LIONS PRIDE [illegible] REGGAE NIGHT, Parima, 8:30 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE NIGHT WITH SASSY ENTERTAINMENT, Table Café & Nightclub, 8 p.m. NC.

JAY EKIS (rock), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

FRI 16

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CHRIS COLEMAN (singer-songwriter), Radio Bean, 6 p.m. NC. **CASEY NEILL** (singer-songwriter), 8 p.m. NC. **JENNY MONTANA** (singer-songwriter), 10 p.m. NC. **VANESSA TORRES & TOUCHING GROUND** (folk-rock), 11 p.m. NC. **NORTH STAR AMBLERS** (folk), midnight, NC.

THE SMITTENS (indie-pop), Parima Main Stage, 10 p.m. NC.

SUPERSOUNDS DJ (top 40), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

STARLINE RHYTHM BOYS (rockabilly), Red Square, 8 p.m. $3, followed by **HEAVY LIFTING WITH TRICKY PAT** (hip-hop), midnight, $3.

BLUE GARDENIAS (jazz), 1/2 Lounge, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **BLACK DIMENSIONS IN SOUND WITH DJ CRAIG MITCHELL,** 10 p.m. NC.

SETH YACOVONE (solo acoustic-blues), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **SHANGO AXE, MIKE MARTIN Y [illegible]** (funk), 9 p.m. $5.

TOP HAT DANCETERIA (DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3.

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DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

DJ [illegible] & DJ A-DOG (hip-hop), Plan B, 9 p.m. NC.

BZK (funk, soul, groove), The Green Room, 10 p.m. NC.

JOHN LACKARD (solo electric blues), Big Fatty's BBQ, 8 p.m. NC.

DAMN YANKEES STRING BAND (old-time), The Skinny Pancake, 8 p.m. NC.

EASY ALL-STARS, [illegible] (reggae), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8 p.m. $13/15 AA.

BLINDED BY RAGE, MESS WITH THE BULL, TIMELESS, AMERICAN CYCLE, THE NEW TONY BENNETT (hardcore), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7 p.m. $8/10 AA.

FUZZ UNIVERSE, TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD (rock), The Monkey House, 9 p.m. $5/8 18+.

[illegible] ENSEMBLE DUO (folk), Blue Star Café, 8 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE WITH PETE, Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.

LATIN DANCE PARTY WITH DJ HECTOR, Harvest Moon Banquet Room, 10 p.m. NC.

TAMMY FLETCHER & THE DISCIPLES (blues, gospel), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.

RUMBLE [illegible] (rock), Franny O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE WITH MR. DJ, Champlain Lanes Family Fun Center, 8:30 p.m. NC AA.

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THE MICHELLE FAY BAND (folk), On the Rise Bakery, 7:30 p.m. NC.

CITY LIMITS DANCE PARTY WITH TOP HAT ENTERTAINMENT, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.

TRINITY (Irish), Two Brothers Tavern, 10 p.m. NC.

POSSUMHAW (old-time), [illegible] Café, 8 p.m. NC.

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VORCZA TRIO (jazz, funk), Charlie O's, 8:30 p.m. NC.

HONKY TONK HAPPY HOUR WITH MARK LEGRAND, Langdon St. Café, 5 p.m. Donations, **MICHAEL THE [illegible]** (folk), 8 p.m. Donations, **THE JAY EKIS BAND** (rock), 9:30 p.m. Donations.

[illegible] (world beat), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9:30 p.m. $3-5.

BLUE NIGHT JAZZ WITH GIOVANNI ROVETTO, NICK CASSARINO, ANDY SUITS, Positive Pie 2, 8 p.m. Donations.

ZERO GRAVITY (rock), Gusto's, 9 p.m. NC.

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GRADUATE CHARLIE & RUBY (country), American Legion Post 86, 6 p.m. NC

REV THE BAND (rock), Moog's, 10 p.m. NC

FREE RADICALS (rock), Olive Ridley's, 10 p.m. NC

LAST BID PICKED (rock), Rusty Nail, 9 p.m. NC

ANNIVERSARY BASH WITH THE HIG-ABRATTIES (rock), The Matterhorn, 7 p.m. NC

MAYFLY (old-time), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC

SAT.17

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THE WILLOUGHBYS (folk), Radio Bean, 8 p.m. NC; **OLD TIME TWIST** (old-time), 9 p.m. NC; **THE EARTH QUAKES** (rock), 11 p.m. NC

NOW IS NOW (rock), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC

ONESIDE (rock), Red Square, 8 p.m. $3, followed by **DJ A-DOG** (hip-hop), midnight. $3

STEREOPHONIC (jazzy down-tempo), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC

WHEN HEROES DIE, HENNINGERS STUDIO, CAPTAIN WE'RE SINKING, NOWHERE FOUND (hardcore, rock), 242 Main, 7 p.m. $7. AA

EMILY KURN (singer-songwriter), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **MOONBOOT LOVER, TOWNSHIP** (rock, funk, jam), 9 p.m. $5

RETRONOME (dance party), Club Metronome, 10 p.m. $5

MASSIVE (R&B), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3

DEJA VU LADIES NIGHT WITH DJ [illegible] (hip-hop, reggae), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $5/10. 18+

DJ C-LOW (trip-hop), Ruben James, 10 p.m. NC

DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC

"PULSE" WITH LIVE DJ (electronica), Green Room, 10 p.m. NC

DJ ANUBIS & ZJ (hip-hop, reggae), Plan B, 9 p.m. NC

MATT WRIGHT TRIO (jazz), Avenue Bistro, 8 p.m. NC

BRIAN PEDERSEN (singer-songwriter), The Skinny Pancake, 10 p.m. NC

QUANNA, BETTER FRENCH, [illegible] (rock), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8 p.m. $12/15. AA

THE RAMBLES, SLEEPER CELL (rock), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7:30 p.m. $15/17. AA

LOWELL THOMPSON BAND, CANNON FODDER, PAUL EDELMAN (alt-country), The Monkey House, 9 p.m. $5

ANTARA (singer-songwriter), Blue Star Café, 8 p.m. NC

MANSFIELD PROJECT (rock), Backstage Pub, 9:30 p.m. NC

STARLINE RHYTHM BOYS (rockabilly), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC

BALANCE DJ & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC

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DANCE PARTY WITH DJ EARL, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC

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FUZZ UNIVERSE (rock), Charlie O's, 8:30 p.m. NC

MAYFLY (old time), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations, followed by **VANESSA TORRES & TOUCHING GROUND** (folk-rock), 9:30 p.m. Donations.

GUAGUA (jazz-latin-tropical), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9:30 p.m. $3-5

ZERO GRAVITY (rock), Gusto's, 9 p.m. NC

LONGFORD ROW (Irish), [illegible] Brewhouse, 8 p.m. NC

CHERYL WHEELER (folk), Valley Players Theater, 8 p.m. $26/30

DAMN YANKEE STRING BAND (Americana), Cider House BBQ & Pub, 7 p.m. NC

MARK LEGRAND (country), Waterbury Wings, 9 p.m. NC

CHRIS COLPAUGH, MICHAEL PARRISH (folk), Middle Earth Music Hall, 8:30 p.m. $10

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DAVE KELLER, *PLAY FOR LOVE*

(Self-released, CD)

The best blues musicians know it's all about space — hang back a little and you can let that go to perform a triple-bypass. Creating space by knowing when not to play is exactly what makes local bluesman Dave Keller's new album, *Play for Love*, so good. Additionally, Keller has the innate ability to allow one unified voice to rise from both his lungs and his Stratocaster. From the moment his vocals first come in, you hear the soul oozing out. I don't know if he's Soul Brother Number One in Montpelier, but he's got to be number two or three, at least.

The opener, "Here I Am," comes in with an echoing, red downright pleading guitar riff. It's truly a beautiful song, and demonstrates how a memorable lick can bring a simple blues to a whole different level.

That strength continues with the quick groove of "Give It a Rest," as drummer Brett Hoffman's ability to lock in a feel becomes clear. For an album composed entirely of live, full-band studio cuts, the beats here are more rock-solid than any Pro-Tools gadget could ever fake.

Sadly, there can't be a solid hook for every song. As the album progresses, many tunes start to sound like you've heard them already. The up-tempo numbers definitely grab hold a little better — and thus also draw more attention to the sincerity of Keller's lyrics.

You may be able to dance to "Only Place I'm Going (Is Down)," despite the bummer title. But Keller never lets the blues run down throughout the disc. His inspired solos bring life to some of the slower tracks, and at times his riffs sound like a mid-'60s Roger McGuinn. On "Something's Gotta Give," a spooky organ line played on the Wurly Electric helps craft a song you might hear on a jukebox in a Tennessee bar.

What becomes obvious by the end of *Play for Love* is that six years is too long to wait for such a talented Vermont artist to release a CD. The sound Keller and his bandmates captured in the studio is astonishingly crisp. Check it out in the flesh, as it were, at the CD release party this Saturday at Montpelier's City Hall.

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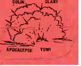
COLIN CLARY, *APOCALYPSE YOW!*

(Asaurus Records, CD)



Who decided that loners are romantic? Whoever it was is probably owed billions in royalties from weepy singer-songwriters who've built entire careers around the premise. Conor Oberst, we're looking in your direction. In any event, the question is a good one, posed and to some degree answered by Burlington's indie-pop prince, Colin Clary, on his latest solo album, *Apocalypse Yow!*

You know those cartoons where a solitary storm cloud drenches some poor down-on-his-luck sadsack on an otherwise picture-perfect day? Clary would be the opposite of that. He's the anti-Charlie Brown, if you will. The veteran B-town tunesmith eschews the conventional tack of dwelling in melancholy for artistic purposes, choosing instead to focus on life's little pleasures for inspiration. Need proof? The new disc comes packaged in one of those folded-paper fortune-teller "machines" that were all the rage in grade school. (My fortune? "Everyone agrees you're the best." So true.)

Still not convinced? Clary's last effort came wrapped in a miniature sweater.

Clary's music is equally idiosyncratic. From the album's opener, "He Loves You," to its capricious closing track, a cover of the late Ritchie Valens hit single "Donna," *Apocalypse Yow!* is loaded with 17 nearly perfect little pop ditties that would likely turn even the most staunch Emos upside — well, you know.

As a solo artist, Clary tones down the twee to some degree. Unlike his uber-chipper work with indie-pop sensations The Smittens — which sometimes sounds like the musical equivalent of being sucker-punched by a member of The Lollipop Guild — the former Madeleine front man shows a (slightly) darker side, particularly with regard to his arrangements.

Clary wrote and performed all of the music here himself — aside from "Donna," of course — and proves adept at crafting subtly dynamic pop tunes with a variety of acoustic and electronic instruments and sounds. At times reminiscent of indie-pop godfathers Belle and Sebastian or perhaps Mojave 3 — especially on tracks such as "Unattainable" and "Action Figure" — Clary pulls off a remarkable feat: happy melancholia. Who decided that loners are romantic? Who cares? Yow!

Colin Clary is one of Burlington's most treasured and prolific musicians. Like any true artist, he manages to improve with each step he takes, and *Apocalypse Yow!* is no exception. Catch him with his other band, The Smittens, this Friday at Parima's Main Stage with local jazzy guys, The Jazz Guys.

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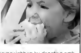

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Sippin' on "Gin & Juice" with The Gourds' Kevin Russell

BY DAN BOLLES

Let's get this straight. That hillbilly version of Snoop Dogg's "Gin & Juice" you've got on your iPod ain't Phish. Nor is it Ween, Umphrey's McGee or any number of bands the tune has been erroneously attributed to since it first appeared online during Napster's heyday. It's The Gourds, dammit. And with a decade's worth of material culminating in the latest album, *Noble Creatures*, Austin's bluesiest Americana outfit continues to be more novel than novelty.

Seven Days recently chatted with The Gourds' cofounder, Kevin Russell, from his home in Austin, Texas, in advance of their show at the Higher Ground Showcase Lounge this Sunday.

SEVEN DAYS: Doesn't it bother you that your best-known song is, er, always attributed to other bands, and it's a cover?

KEVIN RUSSELL: It doesn't bother me too much. Though I've definitely got my issues with file sharing.

I'm not a Phish fan, but I've definitely listened to them a few times and obviously that song's not them. I mean, even in Burlington? That's what really shocked me. That's the one place you think they'd know. It's like, "Did you really think that was Phish?"

It's a blessing and curse and, at this point, I think it's just sort of a microcosm of our career. I actually find it pretty laughable and enjoy it. I think that, in some way, some higher power was looking out for us. I mean, that song would never have been heard by so many people if it hadn't been wrongly identified in the Napster system. Whoever originally had that thing wrong in their files, we'll never know.

I do think it's funny that the majority of people who love that song don't know who it is. We were in Philadelphia, hanging out in our hotel, and there were a bunch of kids coming in from partying. They made some smart-assed comments about us being in a band and were, like, "You don't know who we are? You know that song 'Gin & Juice'?" And they're like "Oh. You're Ween." It's hilarious.

There's a fun story about our drummer, Keith Langford, too. He went down to Galveston Beach and was partying and got in a fight with somebody. So he went out on the beach to sleep on the beach alone. He was trying to get to sleep in the sand but couldn't, because all the cars driving by were blaring our version of "Gin & Juice."

SD: With its confessional tone, *Noble Creatures* comes across as a bit of a departure for The Gourds. Was that intentional?

KR: It's hard to say what's intentional with us. Jimmy Smith and I are the two writers, and we really kind of just go about on our own and then bring songs to the group. So there's not a whole lot of thought or discussion that goes into the way we do things.

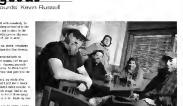
As far as it being intentional, my whole idea from my side of things was that I just had a bunch of songs from over the years that I didn't consider to be good candidates to be Gourds songs. And so my theme was that I just wanted to do all three songs that my inner voice told me not to do. Break my own rules, you know?

I do try to write some of it to be easy to understand. People always make such a huge fuss out of our lyrics. They're nonsensical, or whatever. I understand that a lot of people just don't understand how we write. It's impressionistic kind of writing, and I've had a lot of that.

People want to question you and ask, "What does that mean?" Well, what does "Hard Rain's Gonna Fall" mean? What does "The Locomotion" really mean? I don't know. I don't want to get caught up in interpreting my own lyrics. I know what it means but it's just lyrics, it's just words.

Anyway, I wanted to write something that was a little more digestible, just to see if anybody would ask me, "So, what does that mean?" On "Promenade," in particular, I was trying to write on sort of a sophomoric eighth-grade emotional level — as best I could, anyway. I think I did a pretty good job. Bend the fridge, maybe. The fridge is a little much.

SD: Speaking of "Promenade," wasn't that song kind of an accident?



THE GOURDS: KEVIN RUSSELL FAR LEFT

KR: Well, most songs are accidents, really. For me they are anyway. I don't really try too hard to write 'em.

I just had this nifty little chord book and was going through this scale and I followed that scale and the melody just sorta came to me right there. It was one of those epiphany moments. It just seemed novel to me. That's when I know I should write the song. When I have that feeling. It's hard to explain why certain things resonate that way. Plus, my daughter was sitting there and she really liked it.

SD: It's interesting that you and Jimmy are able to achieve such striking balance, despite not writing together. Is that something the band works on?

KR: Again, it just totally happens that way. It's actually been a bone of contention with the band really. There's a culture of criticism within our group. We don't really say "I don't like that song" or "That's a really great song." We just do it and sorta slave to live with what we get. Sometimes, after the fact, we might do some bitching and complaining. But eventually we're just throwing salt to the wind. It just seems to work.

Jimmy and I have been friends for a long time and playing music together for a long time. And we definitely have similar music that we love. We're really both trying to do the same thing, which is recreating some old feeling we had when we were children listening to music on the radio. ⊙

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THU 15

DUALITY :: Folks are de-frosting their jam-band boots here in the People's Republic of Phish. A cursory glance at the schedule for almost any venue in the area reveals a plethora of hippie headliners on a weekly basis. This week, noodle-dancers are likely overjoyed with the impending visit of Brooklyn's **Benevento/Russo Duo**. Psssst ... guess what? They're not really a jam band. The "Duo" is a sonic experiment with the idea that less is more, relying merely on organ and drums to explore rugged instrumental terrain more groundbreaking and ethereal than most groups two and three times their size. And their new disc, *Play Pause Stop*, is a rock record, plain and simple. See for yourself this Thursday as the band rocks the Higher Ground Ballroom with eclectic indie act Chris Harford & The Band of Changes.

SAT 17 << 13B

northern

SCHOOL BUS YELLOW (rock), Moonpie's, 10 p.m. NC

ZERO TOLERANCE (rock), Olive Ridley's, 10 p.m. NC

ALL NIGHT DANCE PARTY WITH DJ TOXIC (hip-hop, top 40, house, reggae), Tabu Café & Nightclub, 5 p.m. - 4 a.m. NC. 18+

DJ DANCE PARTY, Rusty Nail, 9 p.m. NC

THE NUGGETS (acoustic), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC

central

ANDREW MOROZ SEPTET (jazz), Langdon St. Café, 7:30 p.m. Donations.

NORRIS & ME (acoustic), Main Street Bar & Grill, 10 p.m. NC

DAVID MURPHEY (American roots), Capitol Grounds, 8 p.m. NC

northern

ZACK SEQUEIRA (Latin jazz), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC

SUN.18

burlington area

OLD TIME SESSIONS, Radio Bean, from 1 p.m. NC. **HOT JAZZ SESSIONS**, 5 p.m. NC. **THE DUPSTERS** (indie rock), 8 p.m. NC. **THE STAR FATHER BAND** (rock), 9 p.m. NC

IRISH SESSION, Ri Ra Irish Pub, 5 p.m. NC

BLUE GARDENIAS (jazz), Red Square, 8 p.m. NC

REAL IN SESSIONS WITH DREAMEYE (roots, dub), 1/2 Lounge, 10 p.m. NC

MI YARD REGGAE NIGHT WITH DJS BIG DOG & DEMUS, Nectar's, 10 p.m. NC

FUNKWAGON (funk), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+

U18 DANCE PARTY WITH DJ ZEPH (hip-hop, reggae), Second Floor, 8 p.m. $8. 13-17

BOB GAGNON (solo guitar), Avenue Bistro, 6 p.m. NC

DROPKICK MURPHEYS, THE BRIGGS, THE TOSSERS (Celtic punk), Higher Ground Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. $27. AA

THE GOURDS, SHINYRIBS (Americana), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7:30 p.m. $10/12. AA

PINE STREET JAZZ WITH SUSAN SQUIRE, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 6 p.m. NC

KARAOKE WITH PETE, Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC

BALANCE DJS & KARAOKE, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

MON.19

burlington area

OPEN MIKE, Radio Bean, 8 p.m. NC

LOWELL THOMPSON BAND (alt-country), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC

THE JERRY CRAFT BLUES BAND, 1/2 Lounge, 8 p.m. NC

HOLLYWOOD FARM (jazz), Nectar's, 9 p.m. $5/NC. 18+

SINGER SONGWRITER NIGHT WITH HIGH LONESOME TBD, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 6:30 p.m. NC

central

OPEN MIKE, Langdon St. Café, 7:30 p.m. Donations.

SWING DANCE, Black Door Bar & Bistro, 8 p.m. NC

TUE.20

burlington area

GUAGUA (psychotropical), Radio Bean, 6 p.m. NC, followed by **CASH BACK** (rock), 9 p.m. NC. **WILL KIRK'S SOUL CELEBRATION**, 10 p.m. NC

PARIMA ISLAND NIGHT WITH DJ SKINNY T (reggae), Parima Main Stage, 9 p.m. NC

DAVE NUCKETT (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC

WORLD BASEMENT WITH JON DEMUS & SUPER K (reggae, dancehall, hip-hop), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC

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OPEN TURNTABLES NIGHT, The Green Room, 9:30 p.m. NC.

ACOUSTIC TUESDAY WITH MATTHEW BICKFORD, Henley House, 5 p.m. NC.

BLUEGRASS NIGHT, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

SPOOTER NIGHT, City Limits, 5 p.m. NC.

central

KARAOKE WITH BLUE MOON ENTERTAINMENT, Charlie O's, 8 p.m. NC.

POETRY SLAM WITH GEOFF HEWITT, Langdon St. Café, 7 p.m. Donations, followed by **ROGUE BIRDS** (alt-country), 8 p.m. Donations.

ANDY JENNE (singer-songwriter), Main Street Bar & Grill, 7 p.m. NC.

OPEN MIKE NIGHT, Stonecutters Steakhouse, 7 p.m. NC.

northern

OPEN MIKE, Olive Ridley's, 6 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE, Piecasso, 9 p.m. NC.

NATE PERRAN (singer-songwriter), Roe's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

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burlington area

ENSEMBLE V (jazz), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **IRISH SESSIONS**, 9 p.m. NC.

NOT SO DEAD POET'S SOCIETY, Parima Acoustic Lounge, 9 p.m. NC.

OPEN POETRY NIGHT WITH MACKLIN FINLEY, Dobrá Tea, 7 p.m. NC.

MIKE MARTIN & GEOFF KIM (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.

NICK CASSARINO (jazz), Red Square, 6 p.m. NC, followed by **DJ CRÉS** (hip-hop), 11 p.m. NC.

CROMWELL & OSTSPEED (eclectic DJs), 1/2 Lounge, 9 p.m. NC.

SOUR SKY (rock), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **LUCKA BROWN, BRAND X** (funk, rock), 8 p.m. NC/$5. 18+.

OPEN MIKE, Manhattan Pizza, 10 p.m. NC. AA.

SUPERSTAR KARAOKE, Second Floor, 10 p.m. NC.

DAVE HARRISON'S STARTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.

CELTIC PARTY OPEN SESSION, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.

central

BAD MONKEY (rock), Charlie O's, 8 p.m. NC.

PARIAH BEAT (roots), Langdon St. Café, 8 p.m. Donations.

BOB WILLIAMS (folk), Purple Moon Pub, 5 p.m. NC.

OPEN MIKE, Middle Earth Music Hall, 8 p.m. NC.

northern

CONVOY (rock), Monopole, 9 p.m. NC.

WET & WILD WITH DJ SKILLZ, Olive Ridley's, 8 p.m. NC.

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WED.14

music

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ST. ANDREWS PIPES & DRUMS: Get kilt! The Scottish-style marching band welcomes new members to play bagpipes or percussion. St. James Episcopal Church, Essex Junction, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7555.

INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL: Music students make notes at the Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

UVM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Maestro Michael Hopkins leads instrumentalists in Leonard Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story* plus Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Maple Ballroom, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040.

VOCAL CONCERT: High school singers in three of the arts ensembles blend harmonies for various works, including a massed-chorus version of Handel's *Messiah*. South Burlington High School Auditorium, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7000.

dance

'SALSALINA PRACTICE': Work on your sensuous nightclub routines at this weekly Latin dance session. Salsalina Studio, Burlington, intermediate 6 p.m.; members 7 p.m. $12. Info, 598-1077.

BALLROOM INTRO: Want to waltz, foxtrot or tango? Learn where to put your feet in a session that covers the basics. Shelburne Health & Fitness, 7:50-8:50 p.m. $15. Info, 985-5141.

drama

'DOUBT': Set in 1964, John Patrick Shanley's drama depicts internal and external conflicts between a Catholic school's Mother Superior and head priest. Briggs Opera House, White River Junction, 7:30 p.m. $17-48. Info, 296-7000.

'HAIR': The revolutionary '60s tribal love-rock musical ushers in the age of Aquarius to inspire reflection on relevant current events. The Moore Theater, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8 p.m. $8-14. Info, 603-646-2422.

'WHEN TURTLES MAKE LOVE': Planned Parenthood presents a sex-ed drama based on real-life talk between parents and teens. Waterfront Theater, Burlington, 7 & 8:30 p.m. $15-20. Info, 800-287-8188, ext. 8402.

film

'DELIRIOUS': An affable homeless kid becomes an assistant to a mercenary paparazzo in this sharp, witty critique of celebrity mania. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $6.50. Info, 748-2600.

DARTMOUTH DOUBLE FEATURE: Bombed-out Berlin hosts a thorny American love triangle in *A Foreign Affair* while Audrey Hepburn plays hooky as an Italian princess in *A Roman Holiday*. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 & 9:15 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'SICKO': Documentarian Michael Moore of *Fahrenheit 9/11* fame conducts a head-on examination of the U.S. health-care system. Vermont physician and health-care activist Dr. Deborah Richter, local nurses union president Jennifer Henry and UVM workers' union president Carmyn Stanko host a post-film discussion. Campus Center Theater, Billings Hall, UVM, Burlington, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 543-5551.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

GPS CAMP MAPS: Participants in a program to meet "lost" ski areas around the state via global-positioning satellite devices show the results of their efforts. Vermont Ski Museum, Stowe, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 255-9911, ext. 201.

words

FLYNN / FLETCHER FREE BOOK CLUB: Readers of Lewis Thomas' *Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher* prep for an upcoming dance performance based on the book. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 865-7221.

'UTOPIA & APOCALYPSE' SERIES: Readers of Marge Piercy's *Woman on the Edge of Time* consider its depiction of a future society. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

MEMORABLE MEMOIRS: Readers explore why Paul Monette's book *Becoming a Man* makes a compelling life story. Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 899-4962.

COMPREHENDING THE MIDDLE EAST: Readers of Geraldine Brooks' memoir *The Nine Parts of Desire* contemplate the hidden world of Islamic women. South Hero Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 572-8212.

COOKBOOK TALK: Food writer Melissa Pasanen, co-author of *Cooking With Shelburne Farms*, serves up a sweet treat recipe with delectable stories. South Burlington Community Library, noon. Free. Info, 652-7080.

talks

SPRAWL & DEVELOPMENT: Brian Shupe, program director of Smart Growth Vermont, discusses ways to promote economic growth without sacrificing countryside. Community Room, Burlington College, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 862-9616.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE: Retired art history professor Ron Manning sketches influences on the early 20th-century painter known for her images of enlarged flowers. St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 748-8291.

IRAQ TALK: Vermont Army National Guard Sergeant Jim Greene presents his photographs of Iraq in a screening synchronized to Sergeant Mark Churchill's guitar ballad "We're All American." Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955.

'WHY I LOVE MY HIPPOCAMPUS': Vermont writer David Dobrin shares his off-the-page passion for brain science. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

NEW ENGLAND'S IMAGE: New Hampshire author Ed Clark examines how the output of Robert Frost, Norman Rockwell and Yankee magazine promotes a mythic view of the Northeast. Ilsley Public Library, Middlebury, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 388-4095.

PLANNING STRATEGIES: Organization expert Forbes Knight relays five steps to get through the holidays stress-free. Lincoln Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 453-2665.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: Watch critters do dinner with help from the animal care staff at ECHO, Burlington. 10:30 a.m., 12:50 & 3 p.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: Readings of family faves provide morning fun for toddlers at Barnes & Noble, South Burlington. 10 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: Children gather for games, songs and stories at the Westford Library. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

HINESBURG PLAYGROUP: Youngsters let loose in a fun, friendly, toy-filled atmosphere. Hinesburg Town Hall, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 453-5058.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: Little ones ages 2 and under get hooked on books at the Waterbury Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

'THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD': Tykes in tights evoke the exploits of Sherwood Forest's merry man in a [illegible] show. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

PRESCHOOL DISCOVERY PROGRAM: Small explorers aged 3 to 5 seek fossils during outdoor investigations. North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, 10 a.m. $10. Info, 229-6206.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: The 60-plus set benefits from stretches and strength training. Senior Community Center, The Pines, South Burlington, 1:30 p.m. $3. Info, 658-7477.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: Activists stand together in opposition to the U.S. occupation of Iraq. Top of Church Street, Burlington, 5-5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-2345.

MORAN PLANT REDEVELOPMENT FORUM: Residents of Ward 1 in Burlington debate the merits of Mayor Bob Kiss' proposed renovations to a waterfront municipal building. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building, UVM, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, www.tinyurl.com/3c7j5n or 865-7144.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PESTICIDE USE: The Burlington Board of Health gathers talk about commercial and residential use of chemicals to control Queen City bugs and weeds. Burlington Board of Health Office, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Info, 863-6662.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: Fans of cocoa-covered confectionery see how it's made at Laughing Moon Chocolates, Stowe, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 253-9591.

ESL GROUPS: Non-native speakers learn English at the South Burlington Community Library, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080. Also at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7-8 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

CHESS GROUP: Beginning and intermediate-level players [illegible] to put each other's kings in check. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

KNITTING POSSE: Needle-wielding crafters convene over good yarn. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

NOONTIME KNITTERS: Crafty types pause for patterns and midday stitches. Waterbury Public Library, noon-1 p.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

BURNHAM KNITTERS: Yarn unfurls into purls at a chat-and-craft session. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD: Savvy stitchers learn new needle techniques with colorful thread. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-0148.

VETERANS JOB NETWORKING: Ex-soldiers share info, market tips, training info and employment leads. VFW Post, Essex Junction, 8:30-11 a.m. & American Legion Post, St. Albans, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 652-0558.

BINGO: A winning card could net cash at the Heineberg Community & Senior Center, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. $11. Info, 863-3982.

CHARITY BINGO: Players seek matches on numbered cards, then say the word. Broadacres Bingo Hall, Colchester, 7 p.m. $10 for 12 cards. Info, 800-1530.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: In 45-minute info sessions, neighborhood helpers hear about a program that coordinates friendly home visits and assistance for aging seniors. Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Chace Mill, Burlington, 2-6 p.m. Free. Info, www.cvaa.org or 865-0360.

'LUNCH & LEARN' SERIES: Winter windowsill watchers hear how to grow potted herbs indoors. Gardener's Supply Garden Center, Williston, noon-1 p.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

HEBREW READING WORKSHOP: Beginners convene to comprehend a written language. Temple Sinai, South Burlington, 4:30-6 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 862-5125.

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL: Volunteers assist the Nature Conservancy of Vermont by weeding out non-native woody plant species. Call for meeting location and time. LaPlatte River Marsh Natural Area, Shelburne. Free. Registration and info, 229-4425, ext. 111.

LA LECHE LEAGUE: Supporters of breastfeeding moms offer encouragement, info and education. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 8:50 a.m. Free. Info, 881-7457.

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MONTPELIER CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, MONTPELIER, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 10 A.M.

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The scene at Montpelier's City Hall Auditorium looked like one right out of Will Ferrell's 2003 Christmas flick *Elf*. When Ferrell's Buddy the Elf meets his estranged father for the first time, he begins to fantasize about all of the activities that he's always wanted to do with his dad.

"I thought maybe we could make gingerbread houses, and eat cookie dough, and go ice skating, and maybe even hold hands," the overgrown elf says, getting more and more excited with each imagined activity. Christmas-crazed Buddy would have been right at home at the Central Vermont Community Land Trust's Gingerbread House Contest — a creative way to call attention to the organization's ongoing efforts to construct affordable housing for low-income people.

The auditorium looked as if a miniature city of confectionery delights had been built overnight. The soothing smell of ginger permeated the room while a crowd of about 60 strolled about, admiring the handiwork of some three-dozen entries in the "contest." The frosted structures were impressive enough without the gumdrop trees and roofs shingled with chewing gum. Participants entered into one of four categories: traditional, "best in show," CVCLT property, historic and most affordable.

Most affordable? As part of the day's overall "Home Sweet Home" theme, contestants in this category were required to display their receipts along with their constructions. One inexpensively priced abode was made for about two dollars.

High-end or ghetto, Vermont's gingerbread housing market is red hot at this time of year. As parents chauffeured their children around the tables, you could hear them dispensing advice along the lines of "Look, don't touch" and "No, you can't eat that." Some families had built their houses together, aiding each other throughout the process. One such clan, the Spinks, assembled five of their own spicy dwellings — a gingerbread housing development. Even 3-year-old Kasey participated, with help from Mom and Dad, of course.

Buddy would've loved that.

JON TAYLOR

RUTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Businessman and author Mike Frank begins a membership meeting with a speech about finding, hiring, training and retaining good employees. Tuttle Hall, College of St. Joseph, Rutland, 4:30-6:30 p.m. $10. Info, 773-9147.

BURLINGTON BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN: Female entrepreneurs network while learning about an area philanthropic organization benefiting women and girls. Sirloin Saloon, Shelburne, 5:30-7:30 p.m. $18 includes dinner. Reservations and info, 893-3834.

RAPTOR ENCOUNTER: Experts explain the habits and lifestyle of various birds of prey at a meet-and-greet featuring live falcons, hawks and owls. Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 426-3581.

RAW FOOD WORKSHOP: Appetizer chefs learn how to make tasty stuffed mushrooms filled with tapenade. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6-7 p.m. $12. Registration and info, 223-8004, ext. 202.

TURKEY ROUNDUP: Donors drop off holiday birds or money to purchase them, along with canned veggies, boxed stuffing and other seasonal items. Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, 228 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. Info, 658-7939.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

WOMEN'S SING: Female voices form chords in a casual-yet-organized session of rounds, spirituals and choral pieces. Call for Burlington-area location. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, anyaschwartz@hotmail.com or 658-5911.

HOUSE CONCERT: Folk fiddler Eden MacAdam Somer and songsmith Larry Unger raise the roof as the Boston-based band Notorious. 14 Germain Street, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $10-15. Info, 893-2188.

UVM JAZZ ENSEMBLE: Clarinets, saxes and a rhythm section swing big-band anthems. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3040.

JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE CONCERT BAND: Students and community members team up to test their horns and beat their drums at a weekly practice session. Dibden Center for the Arts, Johnson State College, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 428-5698.

dance

BALLROOM DANCE PRACTICE: Steppers sharpen their technique in foxtrot, cha-cha and other styles with a variety of partners. First Step Dance, Burlington, 8 p.m. $5. Info, 598-6757.

drama

'DOUBT': See November 14.

'HAIR': See November 14.

'WHEN TURTLES MAKE LOVE': See November 14.

'THE HEIDI CHRONICLES': Wendy Wasserstein's witty and nostalgic play follows close female friends through three decades of life before, during and after women's lib. Wright Memorial Theatre, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 8 p.m. $4-6. Info, 443-6433.

UVM NIGHT OWL COMEDY CLUB: Louisiana native Jen Kober combines stand-up, storytelling and improv games at Brennan's Pub, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-2060.

GALLAGHER: The comedian who became a household name by smashing watermelons during his TV specials serves up razor-sharp observations at the Barre Opera House. 8 p.m. $25.50-27.50. Info, 476-8188.

'WONDERFUL TOWN': High school students stage this Leonard Bernstein musical about two sisters from Ohio who seek their fortunes in New York City. Burlington High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. $5-8, free for students attending Hunt and Edmunds Middle Schools and their families. Info, 864-8411.

film

'DELIRIOUS': See November 14.

'THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEVISED': An Irish documentary team provides an inside view of the 2002 coup against Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez, and the overwhelming populist response that restored Chavez to office. Kriya Studio, 333 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Donations. Info, 881-1293.

'SINCE WE LAST SPOKE': Lipstick Films premieres its debut snow-sports movie to get skiers psyched for fall's first flakes. Campus Center Theater, Billings Hall, UVM, 7:30 p.m. $4-8. Info, 802-433-3995.

'HEART OF LIGHT': A native Kalaallit man goes on a vision quest during Denmark's decolonization of Greenland. Kathleen Osgood Dana of the University of the Arctic leads a post-film discussion. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

'BECOMING JANE': This biopic imagines a wintery romance in the real life of 18th-century British author Jane Austen. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

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art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: Shutterbugs develop film and print pictures at the Center for Photographic Studies, Barre, 6-8 p.m. $8 per hour. Reservations and info, 479-4127.

ARTIST MEET-UP: Local creators compare notes on the gallery scene, and bring a piece to offer for peer critique. Kasini House, Burlington, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Free. Info, 264-4888.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & FINE ART SHOW: Loads of unique gifts from jackets to jewelry grace over 150 juried exhibits. Sheraton Hotel, South Burlington, noon - 8 p.m. $2. Info, www.vermonthandcrafters.com or 800-373-5429.

VISUAL ARTIST SERIES: Sculptor and performance artist Claire Sherwood of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, describes her work with group installations. Room 202, Yokum Hall, SUNY Plattsburgh, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 518-564-2090.

words

POETRY READING: St. Michael's English prof Greg Delanty hosts a reading by six contributors to *The Book of Irish-American Poetry*. Hoehl Welcome Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 654-2536.

'WAR & HUMANITY': Readers of Jerzy Kosinski's *The Painted Bird* consider how a mad conflict both results from and affects human nature. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

POETIC WORK IN PROGRESS: UVM English professor Tony Magistrale reads verse from a book he made for Italian translation. Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning Center, UVM, Burlington, 4-6 p.m. Free. Info, 656-2917.

talks

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE: See November 14. Wake Robin Retirement Community, Shelburne, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 264-8107.

AMERICAN VALUES SERIES: Readers of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s landmark 1963 "I Have A Dream" speech consider its contemporary repercussions. Lincoln Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 453-2366.

MUSIC HISTORY: Flutist and teacher Lois Price offers an introduction to the life and work of Czechoslovakian composer Leos Janacek. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

BOOKED FOR LUNCH: St. Michael's College communications professor David Mindich considers how members of the public consume — or ignore — the news. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, noon. Free. Info, 656-0248.

CHOCOLATE CHANGES THE WORLD: Matt Gehlhoff of Lake Champlain Chocolates discusses the history and economic influence of the cocoa bean, followed by a tasting. St. Johnsbury House, 1:30-3 p.m. $8. Info, 626-8138.

AIDS & POSTCOLONIAL POLITICS: Political science professor Michael Bosia discusses the relationship between science and immigration in France. Farrell Room, St. Edmund's Hall, St. Michael's College, Colchester, noon. Free. Info, 654-2836.

THE BRAIN EXPLAINED: Neuroscience prof David Linden of Johns Hopkins University unravels how the human mind evolved into a quirky, inefficient and often innovative processor. Student Life Center, Champlain College, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 860-2722.

PARENTING TALK: Psychology professor Bruce Compas of Vanderbilt University explains how families can become more effective at coping with stress. First Congregational Church, Burlington, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 847-8342.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 14.

RICHMOND PLAYGROUP: Parents meet their neighbors while their kids enjoy structured fun and snacks. Community Room, Richmond Free Library, 8:30-11 a.m. Free. Info, 434-7778.

WESTFORD STORYTIME: Kids ponder picture books and create crafts at the Westford Library, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 878-8453.

KIDS' GARDEN TOUR: Young ones explore the world of plants on a walk around the Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

'LITTLE ROOTS' STORYTIME: Kids gather to hear tales about plants, flowers and bugs. Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Tots aged 3 to 5 enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and crafts at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 879-0313.

MUSIC TIME: Growing listeners under age 5 contemplate chords and bounce to rhythms. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-4918.

WINOOSKI PLAYGROUP: Babies up to age 2 socialize with each other and their caregivers at a session offering music, books and toys. Winooski Memorial Library, 11 a.m. - noon. Free. Info, 655-6424.

BILINGUAL PLAYGROUP: Hola, baby! A native Spanish-speaking mama leads gentle play and circle time at the Bebop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 10:00-11:00 a.m. $8. Info, 878-3760.

MORNING STORIES: Local tale tellers engage kids of all ages with a mix of nursery rhymes, fairytales, songs and games. Pierson Library, Shelburne, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 985-5124.

'ITTY BITTY SKATING': Pint-size skaters take to the ice at Leddy Park Arena, Burlington, 10-11 a.m. $5. Info, 865-7558.

sport

VERMONT FROST HEAVES: The Green Mountain State's pro basketball team tips off its inaugural in-state game against the Montréal Royal. Municipal Auditorium, Barre, 7:30 p.m. $6-13. Info, 863-5966.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 14.

MORAN PLANT REDEVELOPMENT FORUM: See November 14, for Wards 4 & 7. Heineberg Community Center, Burlington.

DRINKING LIBERALLY: Bottoms-up democracy fuels discussion at a meeting of political progressives. American Flatbread, Burlington, 8-10 p.m. Free. Info, 247-237-7488.

ISRAEL ADVOCACY TRAINING: Rabbi James Glazier offers pointers on supporting the Jewish state in ongoing critical confrontations. Temple Sinai, South Burlington, 6-7 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 862-6125.

PUBLIC FORUM ON CHILD POVERTY: Citizens discuss causes and cures for the increasing destitution of kids from Green Mountain State families. Mary Hogan School Gym, Middlebury, 5-8 p.m. Free. Info, 828-2281.

'TRASH ON THE LAWN' DAY: Eco-conscious high schoolers sort through one day's garbage to raise awareness about waste. South Burlington High School front lawn, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7000.

'NEXT GENERATION LEGISLATION': Politically active types discuss Vermont's economic future with state and local leaders. Sugar Maple Ballroom, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 5:15 p.m. Free. Info, 656-3131.

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CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See November 14.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 14.

TURKEY ROUNDUP: See November 14.

VERMONT CHESS CLUB: Pawn pushers strategize to better their games. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-0198.

BRIDGE CLUB: Partners shuffle cards and chat at the Godnick Senior Center, Rutland, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 297-5786.

QUEEN CITY BNI: Local members of Business Network International schmooze at a weekly breakfast meeting to help promote one another's companies. Room 202, Vermont Tech Old Industrial Park, Williston, 8 a.m. First visit is free. Info, 598-9968.

CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE: Beekeeper and ecological economist Marjan van den Belt leads a salon discussion about whether pollinators — and therefore the human food supply — are in serious trouble. ECHO, Burlington, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $8, includes hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Info, 864-1848.

'HEALING LEAVES' WORKSHOP: Lovers of herbal medicine familiarize themselves with principles of proper nutrition. Azimuth Counseling, Suite 101, 8 Essex Way, Essex Junction, 7-9 p.m. $10. Info, 288-1001.

SCALE MODELING GROUP: Hobbyists break out the superglue and sweat the small stuff at a miniature-construction skill swap. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6788.

CLOTH DIAPERING 101: Moms and dads get down and dirty with the finer points of substance, fashion and ecology. Bebop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 6:30 p.m. $10. Reservations and info, 288-1032.

RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING: Homeowners absorb info about rating systems for "green" abodes, and consider specific building or renovation case studies. Unitarian Church, Montpelier, 7-9 p.m. $20. Info, www.vgbn.org or 338-7164.

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY FAIR: Neighbors socialize and swap tips about reducing their households' environmental effects by recycling, saving energy and using non-toxic cleaners. Milton High School, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 872-6111.

WINOOSKI THANKSGIVING POTLUCK: Community members tuck into feast recipes and check out displays from a middle school literacy festival. Winooski School Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m. Free, bring a dish to share. Info, 655-6410, ext. 11.

'LATE NIGHT SATURDAY': Studio audience members do their part at a double taping of the local variety show featuring backwoods kick-schtick comedian and author Rusty DeWees and bluegrass musician George Seymour. Alumni Auditorium, Champlain College, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-5601 or LNS@champlain.edu.

INDOOR GARDENING WORKSHOP: "Locavores" learn how to cultivate a steady supply of winter salad ingredients, including vitamin C-rich radish greens. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 4-7 p.m. Free. Info, 223-6004, ext. 202.

SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP: Would-be entrepreneurs learn how to produce a business plan, conduct market research and set up bookkeeping systems. Lake Champlain Islands Chamber of Commerce, North Hero, 6-8 p.m. $38. Registration and info, www.vtsbdc.org or 372-8400.

SATURDAY 17

WHEELER DEALER

Massachusetts-based troubadour Cheryl Wheeler is hardly your average singer-songwriter. Sure, she plays acoustic guitar and sings pretty, but her arch sense of humor and free-wheeling performances put her in a class of her own. Wheeler's tunes run the gamut from riveting character studies to cartoon-based comedies. She's not afraid to get political. Her pro-gun-control anthem "If It Were Up to Me" struck a national chord after the Columbine High School shootings, while the tongue-in-cheek "Is It Peace or Is It Prozac?" squints at America's love affair with prescription drugs. Nearly half of the songs Wheeler plays live don't show up on her albums, making each concert a unique event. Hear for yourself at her Waitsfield show this Saturday as part of the Mad River Unplugged Music Series.

CHERYL WHEELER

Saturday, November 17, Valley Players Theater, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $26-30. Info, 496-8910. www.cherylwheeler.com

ESSENTIAL OILS DEMO: An aromatherapist airs beautiful scents and explains their separate purposes. Moonlight Gift Shoppe, Milton, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 893-9877.

GAME DINNER: Moose meatballs, anyone? Hunters or not, hungry folks feast on wild-animal edibles at the United Methodist Church, Danville, 5 & 7 p.m. $6-12. Reservations and info, 684-3666.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

KIM KASHKASHIAN & LYDIA ARTYMIW: Classical concertgoers thrill to Schumann's *Fantasiestücke* and other classical compositions at a dual recital by a violist and a pianist, each considered a virtuoso in her own right. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $25. Info, 863-5966.

BILLY BANG QUARTET: The jazz violinist and composer makes explosive offerings with assistance from pianist Andrew Bemkey, bassist Todd Nicholson and drummer Zen Matsuura. FlynnSpace, 8 p.m. $17-21. Info, 863-5966.

THE CLAREMONT TRIO: Pianist Donna Kwong joins twin sisters Emily and Julia Bruskin on violin and cello to form an award-winning classical ensemble originally founded at Juilliard. Concert Hall, Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, 8 p.m. $12-15. Info, 443-6433.

UPPER VALLEY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL: A double concert by acoustic dynamos The Greencards and mandolin master Sam Bush opens a two-day tribute to prolific pickers. Lebanon Opera House, N.H., 7:30 p.m. $30 or $50 for a two-day pass. Info, 603-448-0400.

LEWIS FRANCO & THE MISSING CATS: The Vermont folk singer-songwriter blends his humorous, neighborly ditties with backup from a bass-guitar-mandolin trio. Town Hall Theater, Woodstock, 7:30 p.m. $10-15. Info, 457-3981.

POSSUMHAW: The Burlington-based bluegrass quartet performs melody medleys from their new album *Madison*. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

GUITAR FESTIVAL DEMO: Ted Mann, an instructor at New Hampshire's Keene State College, performs music composed for lute and vihuela, two 16th-century ancestors of the modern guitar. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall, SUNY Plattsburgh, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 518-564-2180.

GUITAR FESTIVAL WORKSHOP: Students of all ages and abilities bring their instruments to a compositional klatsch with four area educators. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall, SUNY Plattsburgh, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 518-564-2180.

RONNIE O'CONNELL: The Irish singer and guitarist pours gentle ballads and rousing come-all-ye's at the Morse Center for the Arts, St. Johnsbury Academy, 7:30 p.m. $5-12. Info, 748-2600.

CROWFEATHER: Hardcore folk? The Burlington-and-Boston-based Seth singer-songwriter unplugs for a solo show on his 12-string acoustic axe. Bayside Pavilion, St. Albans, 8 p.m. Donations. Info, 524-0909.

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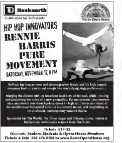

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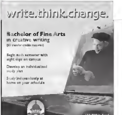

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BALLROOM DANCE SOCIAL: Singles and couples of all ages learn ballroom, swing and latin dancing. Jazzercise Studio, Williston, 7-10 p.m. $10. Info, 862-2207.

ARGENTINEAN TANGO: Shoulders back, chin up. With or without partners, dancers of all abilities strut to bandoneón riffs in a soft guided practice session. Salsalina Studio, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $8. Info, 598-1077.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE: Lively music cues reel moves ... to make-or-at rounds in clean, soft-soled shoes. Elley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7-9:30 p.m. $7, free for beginners. Info, 899-2378.

CONTRA DANCE: Caller Rachel Nevitt shouts steps to fiddle and guitar tunes by Eden MacAdam-Somer and mandolinist Larry Unger of the band Notorious. Champlain Club, Burlington, 8-11 p.m. $8-10. Info, 483-2108.

drama

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'THE HEIDI CHRONICLES': See November 15.

'WONDERFUL TOWN': See November 15.

'THE THREE MUSKETEERS': *En garde!* Members of an Addison County youth theater group entertain with an adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' novel about a swashbuckling French trio. Vergennes Opera House, 4 p.m. Donations. Info, 877-0737.

'THE RAINMAKER': The Shelburne Players saddle up for N. Richard Nash's romantic comedy-drama about a cowboy who feels he can bring rain clouds. Shelburne Town Center, 8 p.m. $10-12. Info, 985-0780.

'THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE': Swashbuckling seafarers, slapstick British bobbies and a bumbling Major General fill out this high school production of Gilbert & Sullivan's engaging Victorian musical. Mill River Union High School, North Clarendon, 7:30 p.m. $10-12. Info, 775-3451, ext. 273.

film

'WHY WE FIGHT': Citizens view this absorbing critique of American militarism, which won top documentary honors at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. A discussion with filmmaker and Vermont resident Eugene Jarecki follows. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955.

'AMERICAN DRUG WAR': Texas filmmaker Kevin Booth examines hot-button issues in a revealing exposé of the 35-year U.S. War on Drugs policy. Kriya Studio, 339 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, 8 p.m. $2.50. Info, 862-3675.

'EASTERN PROMISES': In this crime thriller, a young midwife becomes enmeshed in London's Russian-gangster underworld while tracking down a newborn's relatives. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $8.50. Info, 748-2600.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & FINE ART SHOW: See November 15, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

BURLINGTON CITY ARTS CLAY STUDIO SALE: Browsers peruse handmade pottery cups, bowls, plates and other items to support arts-education programs. In front of the Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts, Burlington, 2-7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7166.

words

TOMIE DEPAOLA: The beloved children's book artist and author presents his new tome [illegible]. See calendar spotlight. Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 362-2200.

'EACH UNIQUE MOON': The four members of the collaborative poetry group [illegible] offer verses about exploration and transformation. Carol's Hungry Mind Café, Middlebury, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 388-0101.

talks

VARIETY PERSIS: UVM geology professor Paul Bierman ponders Vermont's changing landscape. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, www.usevermont.org or 862-2591.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 14.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See November 14, 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3-5.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: Youngsters ages 3 and older gather for easy listening at the South Burlington Library. 10 a.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

LINCOLN LIBRARY STORYTIME: Youngsters up to age 5 form good reading habits in a tale-centered song-and-craft session. Lincoln Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 453-2665.

'PINT-SIZED SCIENCE': Laboratory learners ages 2 to 7 experiment with stories and hands-on activities. ECHO, Burlington, 11 a.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See November 14, 10 a.m.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 14.

VIRTUAL MILITARY CEMETERY: Concerned citizens raise white flags representing the loss of 3842 deceased U.S. soldiers at a peace rally calling for an immediate end to the Iraq War. Stowe Community Church Lawn, flag placement 7 a.m., candlelight vigil 4 p.m. Free. Info, 253-4464.

etc

CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO: See November 14.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 14.

TURKEY ROUNDUP: See November 14.

TERTULIA LATINA: Latin-Americans and other fluent Spanish speakers converse en español at Radio Bean, Burlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 865-3440.

CIVIL WAR SITE SEARCH: Historian Howard Coffin gathers data from local residents about Vermont landmarks with a connection to the U.S. Civil War. East Corinth Congregational Church, potluck dinner 5:30 p.m., discussion 7 p.m. Free. Bring a dish to share. Info, 439-6591.

BENEFIT BAKE: Parents, educators and community members who support "buying local" for public-school-food programs chow down on pies for the cause. American Flatbread, Lareau Farm, Waitsfield, 5:30 p.m. until closing. Cost varies according to order. Info, 496-8856.

GREEN MOUNTAIN SCRABBLE CHALLENGE: Nearly a dozen Vermont players join wordsmiths from across North America to play a 15-game marathon. Inn at Essex, Essex Junction, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. $35-75. Free to watch. Info, 862-7558.

BEER TOUR & TASTING: Ale aficionados age 21 and older sample rare and seasonal brews. Magic Hat Artifactory & Brewery, South Burlington, 4 p.m. Free. Info, www.magichat.net or 658-2739.

FOR-SEWING WORKSHOP: Snippers and embellishers craft up yesterday's sweaters to make tomorrow's legwarmers. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $15 includes materials. Info, www.thebobbin.com or 999-8282.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section B.

UPPER VALLEY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL: See November 16. Crooked Still taps into alternative, boundary-bending takes on traditional tunes, and the Del McCoury Band caps 40-plus years of bluegrass stage shows.

LEWIS FRANCO & THE MISSING CATS: See November 16. United Methodist Church, Middlebury. Info, 388-2001.

CHERYL WHEELER: The Mad River Unplugged Music Series hosts the folk balladeer and savagely funny social critic. See calendar spotlight. Valley Players Theater, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $28-30. Info, 496-8910.

THE SUBDUDES: Five New Orleans-based musicians let loose the levee boogie with a blend of original funk and r&b. Paramount Theatre, Rutland, 8 p.m. $15-35. Info, 775-0903.

CD RELEASE PARTY: Central Vermont-based songwriter Dave Keller and his band probe the ups and downs of early parenthood as depicted on Keller's new album *Play for Love*, then follow with danceable faves. Montpelier City Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m. $5. Info, 229-2797.

CHAMPLAIN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Members of a community ensemble air Weber's *Euryanthe Overture*, Schumann's "Rhenish" Symphony No. 3, Chausson's "Poème," and Donizetti's nine-piece *Sinfonia for Winds*. Vergennes Opera House, 8 p.m. $10. Info, 877-1787.

MONTPELIER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Mezzo-soprano Wendy Hoffman lends voice on Hector Berlioz' "Summer Nights" as part of a concert chronicling the cycle of the seasons. Vermont College Chapel, Montpelier, 8 p.m. $10-12. Info, www.montpelierchamberorchestra.org or 223-1901.

GUITAR FESTIVAL CONCERT: Four composers and college-level instructors showcase their chosen instrument in a variety of musical styles. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall, SUNY Plattsburgh, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 518-564-2180.

DARTMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Sturm und Drang*, anyone? German Romanticism inspires a program featuring Mendelssohn's "Hebrides" Overture, Schumann's solo piano concerto and Beethoven's seventh symphony. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8 p.m. $10. Info, 646-2422.

NORTHERN BRONZE: Community handbell ringers tintinnabulate in tandem at the United Church of Underhill, 7 p.m. Donations. Info, 899-3944.

dance

CONTRA DANCE: See November 16, with caller Nils Fredland, Capital City Grange, Montpelier, 8 p.m. $8. Info, 744-6163.

RENNIE HARRIS PUREMOVEMENT: Hip-hop choreography pioneer Harris and his nine-member company show off street-dance body language. See calendar spotlight. Barre Opera House, 8 p.m. $10-32. Info, 476-8188.

VERMONT STATE DANCE FESTIVAL: Workshops by professional instructors and a keynote by choreographer Marty Pyrerud inspire advocates of dance education in rural schools. Lyndon Institute, 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. $55-62. Info, 626-1555.

VERMONT STATE DANCE FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE: Dance troupes from high schools statewide show off steps for each other and community members. Lyndon Institute, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 626-1356.

GREEN MOUNTAIN DANCE: [illegible] with the Vermont chapter of a national organization for amateur ballroom dancers show fancy footwork and waltz steps followed by open floor swirling and twirling. Elley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, lesson 7 p.m., dance 8:30-11 p.m. $12. Info, 985-8778.

'STOMPIN' WITH THE STARS': Various local celebrities hoof it to raise funds for the Vermont Arts Council in a comical competition. See calendar spotlight. Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $75. Info, 828-3293.

drama

'DOUBT': See November 14.

'HAIR': See November 14, 2 p.m.

'THE HEIDI CHRONICLES': See November 15, 2 & 8 p.m.

'WONDERFUL TOWN': See November 15.

'THE RAINMAKER': See November 16.

'THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE': See November 16.

'DIE FLEDERMAUS': Fancy a Viennese waltz? Viva La Voce Puppet Opera matches marionette figures with full stage singers in a frothy adaptation of Johann Strauss' 1874 operetta. See "State of the Arts," this issue. FlynnSpace, Burlington, 8 p.m. $10-15, $8 for kids. Info, 863-5966.

film

'EASTERN PROMISES': See November 16, 7 & 9 p.m.

'HALF NELSON': A history teacher in an inner-city school strikes up an unlikely friendship with a 13-year-old student who catches him smoking crack. Dana Auditorium, Middlebury College, 3 & 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

'12:08 EAST OF BUCHAREST': In this post-Soviet comedy set in Romania, a TV station invites guests to answer questions from viewers who doubt the 1989 revolution ever took place. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 & 9 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'PLAYGROUND': Skiers and snowboarders register for door prizes at a screening of Warren Miller's extreme winter sports footage, which includes shots from a ski resort in the Arabian Desert. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 4 & 8 p.m. $19-21. Info, 863-5966. Also at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, N.Y., 7:30 p.m. $15. Info, 518-523-2512.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & FINE ART SHOW: See November 15, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

BURLINGTON CITY ARTS CLAY STUDIO SALE: See November 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PAPER SNOWFLAKES: Crafters of all ages create 3-D crystals to suspend from ceilings or use in mobiles. St. Johnsbury Food Co-op, 10 a.m. $5. Info, 748-9498.

HISTORY EXHIBIT LAUNCH: Oral histories, artifacts and a documentary film highlight the Stowe ski area's 70 years of snowy slopes. Vermont Ski Museum, Stowe, 5 p.m. Free. Info, 253-9911, ext. 202.

words

TOMIE DEPAOLA: See November 16. Flying Pig Bookstore, Shelburne, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 985-3999. Bear Pond Books, Montpelier, 2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 229-0774.

WRITING WORKSHOP: Scribes silence their inner critics and put their first thoughts on the page. Carpenter-Carse Library, Hinesburg, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 482-2878.

JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY: Fans of the 19th-century British novelist who penned *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility* organize the first Vermont chapter of an organization honoring her life and work. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 1 p.m. Free. Info, www.jasna.org or 223-6658.

talks

NANOTECHNOLOGY CHALK TALK: Dartmouth engineering professor Ursula Gibson explains how tiny made it big. Room 105, Dartmouth Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 10 a.m. Free. Info, 603-646-2258.

AYURVEDIC MEDICINE: Need a Neti pot? An expert describes the ancient health system of cleansing and balancing practiced widely in India. [illegible] Enlightenment Center, 10 Church Street, Burlington, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 658-4118.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 14.

WINOOSKI PLAYGROUP: See November 15, 10-11 a.m.

SATURDAY PLAYGROUP: Small people aged 1 month to 5 years socialize with each other, and their parents follow suit. Kidbop Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 288-1002.

'SATURDAY STORIES': Librarians read from popular picture books at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

BORDERS STORYTIME: Little bookworms listen to stories at Borders, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-2711.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: Kids ages 4 and up settle down for stories at Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

'FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FEASTING': Young children and their parents sample a sit-down story session featuring holiday meals. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

INUIT TALES: Kids in grades 3 to 5 absorb songs, stories and sounds from the Arctic north. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 10 a.m. - noon. Free. Registration and info, 229-4809.

'BE-BOP AT THE HOP': Jazz educator Fred Haas explores America's own musical genre on a family-friendly interactive tour with vocalist Sabrina Brown. Alumni Hall, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 11 a.m. Free. Info, 603-646-2010.

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP: Observers aged 3 to 6 paste colored tissue paper over glass jars to create colorful candleholders. Snacks and a puppet show follow at the Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne, 9-11 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 985-2827, ext. 12.

sport

TURKEY TROT: Random drawings for holiday birds, maple syrup and other prizes raise funds for area families at this 100-yard, 2-mile or 10-K run. Westford Elementary School, registration 9 a.m., run 10 a.m. $8. Info, 878-2002.

ZUMBA FITNESS: Step-by-steppers try out Latin dance-inspired exercises infused with high-energy, international rhythms. Fitness Options, South Burlington, 9:30 a.m. $7. Info, 734-3479.

DEAD CREEK WALKING: Would-be viewers of wild geese and other waterfowl tiptoe through a marshy wetland on this Green Mountain Audubon Society field trip. Meet at the birdwatching area on Route 17, Addison, 8 a.m. Free. Info, 985-3914.

activism

LAKE BRAINSTORMING FORUM: Community members concerned about the long-term health of Lake Champlain explore how to foster public stewardship and appreciation of its natural resources. Hauke Family Campus Center, Champlain College, Burlington, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 654-1840, ext. 155.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE SHOW: Visual art, speakers, film and a silent auction promote justice, safety and visibility for people who fall between "female" and "male." Studio [illegible], Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 860-7812.

SATURDAY 17

STEP BY STEP

Many people avoid formal dancing because they worry about looking silly — but sometimes that's the point. This Saturday, the Vermont Arts Council hosts a fundraiser pairing nine local celebs with area dance instructors, featuring colorful commentary from a panel of judges. (The evening riffs on ABC's reality-TV show "Dancing with the Stars," a Hollywood version that has hosted hoofers from Marie Osmond to Jerry Springer.) Folk artist Warren Kimble laces up tap shoes, *New Yorker* illustrator and cartoonist Ed Koren swings his hips in a Latin-style number and Main Street Landing CEO Melinda Moulton tangos with abandon. After voting for their faves, audience members boogie to live Top 40 tunes and jazz standards by Vermont-based sextet Shakedown.

'STOMPIN' WITH THE STARS'
Saturday, November 17, Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $75. Info, 828-3293. www.vermontartscouncil.org

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CONFERENCE: Pennsylvania-based sustainable business advocate Judy Wicks keynotes a 25-workshop convention to mobilize advocates for a greener local economy. Vermont Technical Conference, Randolph, 8:30 a.m. - 5:50 p.m. $15-25. Registration and info, www.vtaidsaction.org or 223-4199.

etc

BINGO: See November 14.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 14.

TURKEY ROUNDUP: See November 14. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

GAME DINNER: See November 16. United Church of Christ, Bradford, family seatings 2:30-7:30 p.m. $25. Reservations and info, 222-4670.

BENEFIT GREEK: See November 16. American Flatbread, Marble Works, Middlebury, 5 p.m. until closing. Info, 388-3300.

GREEN MOUNTAIN SCRABBLE CHALLENGE: See November 16. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

FRENCH ROUNDTABLE: Speakers at various skill levels do the café during an open practice session. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 9:30 a.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

WAGON RIDE WEEKEND: Farm horses tote passengers through pastures on a working dairy farm. Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. $3-10. Info, 457-2355.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET: Speeches by Rutland Mayor Chris Louras and Vermont Secretary of Agriculture Roger Allbee launch a local-foods center to offer cold-weather produce and locally made edibles. Music, sculpture and a community mural engage attendees at the Old Strand Theater, Rutland, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 287-9311.

THANKSGIVING FARMERS' MARKETS: Vendors offer locally produced products for the holidays, and root crops and other food donations find their way to hungry households. Montpelier High School Gym, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 685-4360. Cabot Farm Inn, Waitsfield, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Free. Info, 496-4047.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK & SING ALONG: Amateur vocalists of all ages harmonize after hot dishes at a recording session led by songwriter Donna Hamm. Unitarian Church, Burlington, dinner 6 p.m., concert 7:30 p.m. Donations, bring a dish to share. Free. Info, 985-2074.

EVERGREEN ARRANGEMENTS: Workshop participants shape fragrant, needled branches into holiday wreaths and table centerpieces, then decorate them with dogwood twigs, pinecones and ribbon. UVM Horticulture Research Center, South Burlington, 10 a.m. - noon. $26 includes materials. Registration and info, 244-3075.

BOOKMAKING WORKSHOP: Paper decorators produce pamphlet-bound, soft-cover volumes for writing or drawing. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 9:30-11:30 a.m. $25. Reservations and info, 748-2600.

MODEL ROCKET LAUNCH: Weather permitting, fans of pyrotechnics and mini parachutes prepare for lift-offs. Call for Essex area location, 10 a.m. Free. Info, www.cmrc.org or 878-2721.

HOME WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP: Energy conservation experts and contractors field dialogue and translation discuss issues of home heat loss and explain available federal and state incentives for bundling up your abode. Starts at the Montpelier City Hall Auditorium, ends at the North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. Info, 785-4128.

VERMONT WOMEN'S EXPO: Chair massage, fitness counselors and home-decor experts pitch their services to local ladies. Holiday Inn, Rutland, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. $4 admission, parking is free. Info, 229-2163.

VERMONT ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS CONVENTION: Guest speakers Dr. Deborah Richter, Barre representatives Topper McFaun and former Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Human Services Cornelius Hogan consider how to achieve universal health care at state and local levels. Audience members' questions follow at the Old Labor Hall, Barre, registration 8:30 a.m., convention 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. $10 includes lunch. Info, 479-9777.

WINTER CLOTHING PICK-UP: Seekers of warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves and mittens can rummage through the piles at the Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Info, 426-5581.

SAT 17 >> 28B

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITY AUCTION: Bidders raise funds to support a temporary home for families whose children are ill to stay near a hospital. Ethan Allen Club, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 862-4943.

CROCHET INTRO: Fiber fans learn how to crochet at a how-to session explaining cast-on, bind off and single-loop stitches. The Bobbin Sew Bar & Craft Lounge, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $18. Bring a size H crochet needle and 2 skeins of worsted-weight yarn. Registration and info, www.thebobbin.com or 879-6202.

FABULOUS FALL BOOK SALE: Story seekers page through Friend Bargains at a collectors' clearance. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955.

'PAINT RECIPES' SEMINAR: Pro colorist Jasmine Hart explains how to mix new hues and file off the wash shelves. Planet Hardwood, St. George, 10 a.m. $40. Info, 985-8970.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING CRAFT FAIR: Holiday shoppers directly support local artisans and Central and South American producers of chocolate, coffee and crafts. Greensboro United Church, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Info, 533-2223.

HOLIDAY BAZAARS & CRAFT FAIRS: Books, plants, pancake breakfasts, specialty foods and Christmas-themed creations tempt visitors to various locations. St. Francis Xavier School, 9 South Pete Street, Winooski, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. Info, 372-8386. United Methodist Church, Winooski, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. Info, 655-3386. Heineberg Senior and Community Center, Burlington, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. Info, 863-3982. Halonsfield School Gym, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Info, 655-4121.

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music

Also, see club dates in Section B.

CHAMPLAIN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: See November 17, 4 p.m.

MONTPELIER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: See November 17, 4 p.m.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHORUS: Seventy-five voices celebrate the Thanksgiving season with a special program of readings and music. Mead Chapel, Middlebury College, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

KIRTAN SINGING: Yoga students stretch their vocal cords with call-and-response chants in Sanskrit. Evolution Physical Therapy & Yoga, 20 Kilburn Street, Burlington, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 864-9604.

drama

'DOUBT': See November 14, 2 p.m.

'DIE FLEDERMAUS': See November 17.

film

'EASTERN PROMISES': See November 16, 1:30 & 7 p.m.

'PLAYGROUND': See November 17. Burlington location only, 7 p.m.

'THE FRENCH CONNECTION': In this pedal-to-the-metal 1971 film, a gutsy New York narcotics detective works to halt the flow of foreign drugs into the U.S. from the French port of Marseilles. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & FINE ART SHOW: See November 17, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. $4.

talks

HISTORY TALK: Hear about 19th-century Charlotte, Vermont, resident Charlotte A. Yale, who worked with Alexander Graham Bell and pioneered teaching techniques for deaf children. Charlotte Historical Society, 2-4 p.m. Free. Info, 858-2781.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 14.

sport

VERMONT FROST HEAVES: See November 16. Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, 2:30 p.m. $7.50-12.50. The Frost Heaves host the Halifax Rainmen of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

etc

CHARITY BINGO: See November 14, 2 & 7 p.m.

GREEN MOUNTAIN SCRABBLE CHALLENGE: See November 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WAGON RIDE WEEKEND: See November 17.

ELIMINATION COMMUNICATION: Moms and dads find out how to read their little one's body language to learn when he or she just gotta go. Baby Shop, Essex Junction, 11 a.m. $15. Reservations and info, 288-1002.

VERMONT POKER CLASSIC: Risk takers flash their game faces to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont. Doubletree Hotel, South Burlington, noon. $260. Info, www.makeawishvermont.org or 864-8383, ext. 104.

FESTIVAL OF WREATHS: Spirited holiday hand-crafted wreaths welcoming the coming yuletide season, stamp wrapping paper and decorate gingerbread houses and cookies. VFW Hall, Hyde Park, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. $1-10, depending on activity. Info, 888-8218, ext. 13.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Clergy and worshippers from a six-area churches host a music-enhanced celebration to mark the upcoming holiday. Richmond Congregational Church, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 434-2053.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Medical students, doctors and community members commemorate children they were unable to restore back to health. Ira Allen Chapel, UVM, Burlington, 3:30-5 p.m. Free. Info, 847-4881.

BURLINGTON BRIDAL SHOW: Nuptial planners peruse options, taste wedding-cake samples, discover dresses and register for prizes. Hilton Hotel, Burlington, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. $5-6. Info, www.burlingtonbridalshow.com or 862-2807.

CRAFT & ANTIQUE SALE: Holiday shoppers peruse handmade heirlooms, collectibles and handmade doodads of all descriptions. Elk Lodge, St. Albans, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Info, 527-3157.

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music

Also, see club dates in Section B.

SAMBATUCADA! REHEARSAL: Percussive people pound out carnival rhythms at an open meeting of this Brazilian-style community drumming troupe. New members are welcome at the Parish Pond Brewery, Burlington, 8 p.m. $5. Info, 343-7107.

CHAMPLAIN ECHOES REHEARSAL: This women's a cappella chorus welcomes new members for four-part harmonies. The Pines Senior Center, South Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6640.

dance

BALLROOM DANCE PRACTICE: See November 15.

SWING DANCING: Put on your saddle shoes and head for an old-fashioned sock hop at The Black Door, Montpelier, 7:30-8 p.m. $5. Info, 229-1046.

film

'AMERICAN DRUG WAR': See November 16, 8:30 p.m.

'EASTERN PROMISES': See November 18.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: See November 18.

talks

'LISTENING TO OUR RETURNING VETS': Vermont National Guard Chaplain Charles Purinton moderates a panel discussion by recent veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955.

LITERATURE LECTURE: UVM English professor and poet Major Jackson considers stanzas that capture contemporary everyday life. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $8. Info, www.osevermont.org or 863-2531.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 14.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See November 14, for children ages 2-3.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: See November 18.

MUSIC TIME: See November 18.

'ITTY BITTY SKATING': See November 18.

FAMILY SING-ALONG: Parents and kids belt out fun, familiar favorites at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

DADS' GROUP: Fathers and fathers-to-be bring offspring up to age 8 to a playgroup, meal and social hour. Winooski Family Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-1422.

'COOKING AND BOOKING': Culinary students share stories about the buried treasure of root vegetables, then prep rutabagas, beets and carrots with the after-school crowd. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 223-4665.

SKATING CLASSES: Beginning blades aged 4 and older take to the ice in a special three-day session to fill up Thanksgiving vacation. Leddy Park Arena, Burlington, newbies 9-10 a.m.; beginners 10-11 a.m. $30-35 covers all three days. Info, 865-7558.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See November 14, 10 a.m.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 14.

PUBLIC FORUM ON CHILD POVERTY: See November 15. Rutland Middle School Cafeteria.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See November 14.

TURKEY ROUNDUP: See November 14.

'MEMORY MONDAY': Adults 55 and over take advantage of a free memory screening. Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, call for appointment. Free. Registration and info, 847-9488.

MONTREAL CASINO TRIP: Gamblers with money to burn take their chances north of the border. Bus leaves from the Winooski Senior Center, 8:45 a.m.; leaves the casino at 5:45 p.m. Call for cost. Info, 879-1381.

CVU NORDIC SKI TEAM SILENT AUCTION: Bidders name their prices for gift certificates, clothing, chocolate and jewelry to support sports equipment purchases for 50-plus student athletes. Champlain Valley Union High School, Hinesburg, 5-7 p.m. Free. Info, 482-7100.

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music

Also, see club dates in Section B.

AMATEUR MUSICIANS' ORCHESTRA: Community players of all abilities and levels of experience practice pieces at South Burlington High School, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $6. Info, www.amovt.org or 888-4238.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS: Male vocalists make a rehearsal for barbershop singing and quartetting at St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-2848.

dance

BALLROOM DANCE PRACTICE: See November 18. First Step Dance, Shelburne.

SWING DANCING: Open practice makes perfect for music-motivated swing dancers of all levels. Champlain Club, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $3. Info, 864-7501.

LINE DANCING: Boot scooters show off fancy footwork at the Harvest Moon Banquet Room, Essex Junction, beginners' lesson 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-9 p.m. $5.50. Info, 434-2891.

drama

'STUNT NIGHT': Students from Rice Memorial High School offer acrobatics, illusions, song and dance in a four-way competition laced with camaraderie. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 4 & 8 p.m. $12-18. Info, 863-5966.

film

'AMERICAN DRUG WAR': See November 16.

'EASTERN PROMISES': See November 18.

SECRET MOVIE NIGHT: Indie film buffs wait with bated breath for a classic surprise. Studio STK, Burlington, 8 p.m. $3. Info, 867-3333.

'SALAAM BOMBAY!': Director Mira Nair's debut movie follows an 11-year-old boy who fights to survive in a world ruled by brutal pimps and drug dealers. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

words

BURLINGTON WRITERS' GROUP: Bring pencil, paper and the will to be inspired to the Blue Star Café, Winooski, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 758-2287.

'THE BIG READ': Members of Lost Nation Theater offer dramatic readings from Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon* as part of a community literacy project. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 223-3338.

ALL-AGES POETRY SLAM: Vermont writer Geof Hewitt emcees spontaneous word slinging at a competition in which each participant presents two original works under three minutes long. Langdon Street Café, Montpelier, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 828-3158.

talks

NEW ENGLAND FIDDLE MUSIC: Musician Bret Porte presents an overview of the geographic and cultural forces that shaped Yankee-style fiddling. St. Johnsbury House, 1 p.m. Free. Info, 748-8478.

DEMOCRACY & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: Town meeting series with Susan Clark describes political processes that blend personal liberty with civic participation. Community Room, Burlington College, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 662-9618.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 14.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: See November 15, for walkers up to age 3.

SKATING CLASSES: See November 19.

'MUSIC WITH ROBERT AND GIGI': Kids sing along with Robert Resnik and his fiddle-playing friend Gigi Weisman. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 865-7216.

ECHO STORYTIME: Young explorers discover the wonders of the natural world through books and imaginative play. ECHO, Burlington, 11 a.m. $7-9.50. Info, 864-1848.

TODDLER STORYTIME: Tykes under age 3 enjoy stories, songs and a snack at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

WINOOSKI STORYTIME: Preschoolers aged 2 and a half to 5 expend energy in finger play and song, then listen to tales. Winooski Memorial Library, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 655-6424.

sport

ZUMBA FITNESS: See November 17, 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS: Beginner to intermediate stretchers strike poses for spine alignment. Healing in Common Lobby, Network Chiropractic of Vermont, Shelburne, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 985-8850.

artivism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 14.

PUBLIC FORUM ON CHILD POVERTY: See November 15. St. Johnsbury School Cafeteria.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See November 14.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 14.

TURKEY ROUNDUP: See November 14.

CVU NORDIC SKI TEAM SILENT AUCTION: See November 19.

PAUSE CAFE: Novice and fluent French speakers brush up on their linguistics — *en français*. Borders Café, Burlington, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 899-1348.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORK: Female entrepreneurs develop new skills at a meal-augmented meeting. Stowe Inn, 5:30-7:30 p.m. $17-22. Reservations and info, candy@bournesrichmond.com or 373-0266.

RUTLAND REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK: Southern Vermont residents consider how to reduce their dependence on nonrenewable and imported energy. Fox Room, Rutland Free Library, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, kbrevelski@rutlandheraldcom or 773-1688.

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music

Also, see club dates in Section B.

ST. ANDREWS PIPES & DRUMS: See November 14.

dance

SALSALINA PRACTICE: See November 14.

BALLROOM INTRO: See November 14.

film

'AMERICAN DRUG WAR': See November 16.

'EASTERN PROMISES': See November 18.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See November 14.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: See November 14.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: See November 14.

HINESBURG PLAYGROUP: See November 14.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See November 14.

SKATING CLASSES: See November 19.

MOVING & GROOVING: Two- to five-year-olds boogie down to rock 'n' roll and world-beat music. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

FRIDAY 16-SATURDAY 17

PICTURE THIS

Tomie dePaola has a rep on par with Maurice Sendak and Eric Carle: If you haven't already read some of his umpteen books to your kids, chances are you will someday. Or you grew up perusing their colorful pages. The Caldecott Honor Award-winning author and illustrator grew up in a first-generation Italian-American family and literally drew on his heritage in *Strega Nona* (1975), a story involving an Italian granny's magically prolific pasta pot. DePaola (pictured) lives in New London, New Hampshire, and the antics and accents of old-time New Englanders inspired his new book, *Front Porch Tales and North Country Whoppers*. Call ahead to catch dePaola reading at one of three area bookstores this weekend.

TOMIE DEPAOLA

Friday, November 16, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, 4 p.m. Free. Info, 362-2200. Saturday, November 17: Flying Pig Bookstore, Shelburne, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 985-3999. Also at Bear Pond Books, Montpelier, 2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 229-0774. www.tomie.com

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See November 14.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See November 14.

etc

CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See November 14.

ESL GROUPS: See November 14.

CHESS GROUP: See November 14.

KNITTING POSSE: See November 14.

NOONTIME KNITTERS: See November 14.

VETERANS JOB NETWORKING: See November 14.

BINGO: See November 14.

CHARITY BINGO: See November 14.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: See November 14.

'LUNCH & LEARN' SERIES: See November 14. Backyard birders learn how to create a "home, tweet home" for feathered friends.

HEBREW READING WORKSHOP: See November 14.

TURKEY ROUNDUP: See November 14. 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORK: See November 20. Windjammer Conference Center, South Burlington, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Reservations and info, suckyr@comcast.net or 363-9244.

GERMAN-ENGLISH EXCHANGE: Anglophones practice English-language conversation with native speakers of Deutsch, and vice versa. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 3 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

BREAKFAST BRAINSTORMING: Employees of nonprofits meet with marketing, advertising, communications and design professionals to learn to better convey their organizations' messages. Room 217, Ireland Building, Champlain College, Burlington, 7:45-9 a.m. Free. Info, 865-6485.

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WOMEN seeking MEN

TEQUILA MAKES HER CLOTHES FALL OFF

I've spent way too much time working (which I love). Now I need to mix in a little fun and, just maybe, something more. I'm open to any situation. Women do just friends? Woof, you can never have too many. Wanna add some casual fun between the sheets? I'm good with that, too. Want something more? Bring it. **Tequila83 44 ☐ #104295**

NEW TO THE AREA

Hi! I'm new to the Burlington area and looking to make new friends and explore. I love the outdoors and adventure. I'm busy with my new job up here but would like to find people to do things with on my off time. I'm single but not desperate. Looking for friendship first, as any decent LTR stems from honesty, trust and friendship. **Elsa 47 ☐ #104284**

COME AND GET YOUR LOVE

I am not interested in vegans because they will never fully appreciate string cheese and the happiness it has to offer. On a more serious note, I have a quirky sense of humor. I enjoy yard sales, thrift stores, free things, coupons and generally getting a good deal. I like to smoke pot, drink alcohol and have a good time. **lookingtotango84 24, ☐ #104284**

NORMAL (?) GIRL SEEKS NORMAL (?) MAN

Men seeking Green Card need not apply. I'm searching for people close to home to go out and have a fun time with. I am a very energetic individual, and I am constantly doing things, but sometimes it's good to have people around me who can remind me to slow down. **becks, 28 ☐ #104266**

THINKIN', YEAH OK.

Please don't expect me to describe myself in five lines or less. So let me steal a line from Shrek: I'm like an onion, I have many layers. Better yet, let me just get straight to the point. I am looking for people to hang out with and become friends. Maybe people to date. **jennfrench, 24 ☐ #107254**

CREATIVE AND LOVING

You: loving, kind, compassionate, creative, enjoy life, music, traveling, yoga to kayaking, to x-country, staying home to seeing the world. Me: artist, love good food and Saturday nights leading to Sunday dinners. Partner wanted who can dance with respect with me, myself and planet. Someone trustworthy, can respect faith. Someone interested in NY state to Lake Champlain plus beautiful Adirondacks. **Poner28 44 ☐ #102984**

EARTHY, FRIENDLY MOM LOOKING

I am a single mom of two. Most of my time is spent with my kids or at work. I enjoy going for walks, reading, watching a good flick, crafting, going out, enjoying. Before I was a mom, I enjoyed kayaking, hiking, being in nature, photography. I am looking for someone who is honest, respectful, likes to have fun and laugh. **heek2hh 38, ☐ #104254**

If you're looking for relationships, dates, flirts, or to hook-up, this is your scene.

OFFBEAT AND FUN!

Dress me up and I can enjoy the city life with flashy lights, loud music and big crowds. Dress me down and I can enjoy being surrounded by forests, camp fires and the sound of crickets. I enjoy more playful conversation. Want to hear what you have to say and am openminded enough not to judge. Prefer men 40-42. **purple_girl, 40 ☐ #104244**

FUN AND TALKATIVE

I am very easy to get along with. Want to go out and have fun. Like to sit down, talk, and watch movies of all different kinds. Looking for someone who enjoys having fun. **smiley 48, ☐ #107228**

CREATIVE, OUTGOING AND WARM

Hello, there. After a whopping 8-year stint in college, I'm taking a year off to see what's out there. I've fallen in love with Vermont: the fact that people make eye contact, refuse to pronounce their t's and wear nylon wool shirts in the winter with no concern for the havoc it may wreak on their do. A far cry from [illegible]. ;) **Midgirl62s 25 ☐ #104242**

IS THIS WHAT YOU SEEK?

People are always amazed that I'm single, but the dating pool doesn't have many lifeguards on duty ... too many fins and teeth! I'm dipping my toes back in the water! I'm quite attractive, green-grey eyes, petite blonde, [illegible] friend. I'm friendly, funny and affable. Seeking someone with similar values. **creekstotheocean 42 #104184**

ATTRACTIVE & VIVACIOUS

Looking for intelligent, fun-loving, athletic guy. I am a blonde, smart, affectionate, optimistic, financially stable, youthful grandmother who enjoys tennis, skiing, boating, theater, music, dancing, entertaining and/or a quiet evening, dinner by the fireplace, a glass of wine and good conversation with lots of laughs and hugs! **jennbeet, 64 ☐ #104444**

WHAT DO YOU...

want to do? What cool thing are we going to try together? Bring an idea. I want someone with a vision for life. Me: creative, funny, smart, unique and usually a cool (I'm not typically pretty but I like who I am and walk with confidence. I'm a semi-aspiring artist, a boundary-breaker (or at least examiner) and open. **My_day_idea_to_yours, 40 ☐ #104404**

SOUTHERN GIRL

Transplant from the South, missing home sometimes. Seek male friendship and companionship. Old fashioned values, don't want to rush into anything. Open to slow-moving, sincere friendship or relationship. **southerngirl 42, ☐ #104145**

NOT SHY

I think my friends would say I am shy at first but I open up once I get to know someone. It's really hard to meet new people in this area when I've been friends with the same people for so long. I think that everyone has something to offer and I love meeting new people. You too? **sek2h67 40 ☐ #107427**

WOMEN seeking WOMEN

DON JUAN DEMARCO IN DISGUISE

Tired of always being a good girl. I'm looking for someone to get into trouble with. A Don Juan DeMarco at heart, looking for someone who doesn't mind being swept away. I enjoy spending time at the movies, walking Church St., or hanging out at the dog park. Looking for friends, but if you're up for adventure, perhaps there may be more. **kelygen2262 28 ☐ #102966**

ADVENTURE BEGINS OUT OF COMFORT ZONE!

I am all about learning and trying new things. I like to be "stimulated" mind, body and soul. I am looking for new people and adventures to fill all my needs. So, if you are interested in sharing some adventures with me, let's talk. **Verona 44 ☐ #104074**

CAN YOU KEEP UP?

I'm looking for someone whom I can hang out with. My ideal would be someone with an aggressive or strong personality who knows what they want and is not afraid to go after it. I want someone who likes to party and have a good time, but also likes to relax and watch movies. **lil_ghost_84 24 ☐ #104156**

UMM,

Well, I like to think of myself as pretty chill. I am definitely an extremist, but I don't usually lose control. I would say, anything you want to know, just ask. I am looking for someone to share some good moments with, have fun, create a friendship, maybe even learn something with. **pkbDaLove 22 ☐ #104110**

FEELING MY ELECTRICITY

I am a romantic to the core. I've lived in Vermont most of my life. I'm sarcastic, though not in a pessimistic way, and I have a shiny sense of humor but I know how to keep it clean. I love to cuddle and contra dance and go picking up hatboxes. Poetry is one of my great ones. **poem_girl, 44 ☐ #104402**

GOOD WITH A BAD STREAK

Hey, so for the most part I am a good girl, loving and caring, but from time to time I can get myself into trouble. Even have a chip on my sense of humor. I'm looking for some new, interesting people to get to know as friends and maybe even more. If you want to take a chance, get in contact. **zeekme 24, ☐ #104424**

GIRL, GEEK, FARMS

I am a student farmer. I like friends, quiet social justice, birdsquawks and, oh, no math more. I don't like liquids, Aggression, gummy candy, punks and blah blah blah. I value experiences and memories. I love my [illegible], Bert the Rabbit, and I like driving out in the name of organic farming. **Regthemk 40 ☐ #107094**

LOVIN' TOUCH

I am youthful, spirited and artistic. I'm passionate about building community, being in nature, and exploring the relationship of body, mind and spirit. I'm interested in loving and dancing my way to finding a woman who wants to create deep, loving, fun, balanced, easy partnership with me. Care to meet? **yes2lfe 48 ☐ #107088**

GENUINE, COMPASSIONATE, SPUNKY, FIRECRACKER

I am a loving, caring, affectionate, compassionate, honest person who is looking for the same. I am a very intelligent, hard-working person who wants to experience everything life has to offer. I pay attention to people and think about them as much or more than I think about myself. I love kids and animals. **redhead, 34, #104456**

WONDERING WHERE SHE IS

Looking for the right woman, 40-55, to build that special relationship that has the potential to last a lifetime. Someone who is willing to work together to make that happen. I believe that the 5 C's make a relationship work: communication, commitment, compromise, caring and cuddling (not necessarily in that order). If these items sound appealing, it's your move. **tyfor 44 #107334**

ANTISOCIAL EXTROVERT CRAVING CHAOS

I'm a workaholic who still finds time to build things, make a little music, drink a lot of coffee and mostly toy with the reality around me. Looking for an occasional partner in crime. No fundamentalist Christians. No Born-Again Feminists. No swings. **blazmoon 24 ☐ #107426**

MEN seeking WOMEN

ATHLETIC HIPPY IN STRAIGHT COSTUME

Was 14 during the summer of love, but idealism rubbed off on me. In relationships I like someone to share everything with, but who is independent. I like outdoor activities, sailing, hiking, traveling. Indoor activities: reading, massage is nice. My two vices are meals out and travel. I have a pretty face, a slender body and a sweet disposition. **mrpeter 54 #104224**

FIVE CATCHY WORDS ABOUT ME

I am a complicated human who wants to be simple. **CleverNoName 24 ☐ #104264**

LOVER OF THE ELEMENTS

Hello. I am 23 years old, open, honest, sympathetic, generous and a hardworking man. I feel friendship is the gateway to all things bliss. I am a fiercely loyal friend. I enjoy music, the outdoors, writing poetry, art, reading and laughter. I am looking for a woman who is kind, generous, spontaneous, open minded, intelligent and funny. **Roots_of_Earth_346 28 #104264**

LET'S STRIP DOWN

...and avoid overusing ourselves with words and all. OK, maybe some words are best concealed, but I do want to meet a lovely woman who appreciates an honest approach to dating and establishing a potentially serious relationship. Grad school eats away most of my time, but I think there's no replacement for finding that special someone. **Mrvetadalai 42 #104202**

LOOKIN' FOR MRS. RIGHT

I'm not very good at describing myself. Well, here goes. My family and friends would say I am shy and big-hearted, caring. I work as a Telecom tech. When not working, I hang out with family and friends. I like the outdoors, movies, going out for dinner and going to sport events. Just got out of the Navy 12 months ago. **Navyguyvt, 44 #104260**

UNIQUE, EASYGOING AND FUN LOVING

I recently moved from California to Vermont and am loving it. I enjoy meeting people and would like to find some new friendships in the area. I am very easy to talk to and don't mind being a gentleman. I enjoy laughing and smiling, cause life is what you make it. I enjoy exploring the outdoors. Singing is one of my favorite pastimes. **107246, 44 ☐ #107248**

TRYING SOMETHING NEW

Well, I've decided I work too much and don't have time to get out and when I do, my desire isn't dating the bar anymore. I'm a laid back person and figured I would try something different. It will eventually become the new era of dating. **otas, 22 ☐ #104224**

WARM, CHARMING, SEXY CUTIE

I'm energetic and a blast to hang out with. I enjoy the simple things in life. Curious, sensual and spontaneous person who can be a real goof ball at times and enjoys good conversation and lots of laughs. Active conversationalist. An artistic soul who has 'that' special twinkle in his eyes. **silvesalt, 40, ☐ #107210**

HARDWORKING, FAITHFUL, FUNNY, BUSY, SENSITIVE

I am looking for a soul mate to live happily ever after. Someone to laugh and cry with, to explain this journey, not to be by my side as we grow old together. Someone to come home to every day. Someone to be goofy with, play with and share this life with. **sausalentoy 44 ☐ #106213**

I WORK, COOK, CLEAN, KIDS

Well, ladies, basically, if you want a man who can cook, clean, take care of kids, and work a full-time job, then I am your type of guy. I am romantic, kind, caring, openminded and love sports. Looking for a woman who likes to let her man know that he is appreciated for what he does. **goodmanon 38 #104480**

MEN seeking MEN

NICE, OUTGOING, FRIENDLY GUY

Hey everyone, I am new to the area. Just moved here from Florida. I'm looking for nice guys who want to go out on a date or just hang out. I would love to find someone who would like to go out for dinner and a movie. Age does not really matter that much. **wishing_for_fate_hoping_fun then 48 ☐ #106633**

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS AND MORE

I am 44 GWM 5'7" 150 lbs. Looking to make some new friends and have some hot fun along the way. **dribble07 44 ☐ #107421**

KIND-HEARTED MAN SEEKING LTR

Do you like to have fun? Are you looking for a friendship that could lead to a long-term relationship? 38-year-old workaholic here seeking a fun, kind man to get to know and possibly date. If you are seeking a kind hearted, down to earth guy, then give me a shout and let's have some fun. **quaverfelon28 38 ☐ #107008**

WHAT'S BEHIND THOSE BLUE EYES

Whatever you think of hot blue eyes, it ain't innocence. There are a lot of dark, sexy places behind those. I like theatre, walks, dinners, good conversation. And, oh, I almost forgot... sex. **Mattdoe 44 ☐ #104862**

READY HOT DUDE

I am just me. Looking for a cool dude who is not only fun out on the town but can also go visit my family. Drop me a line if you want to find out more. **clanfr, 28 #002898**

TRY ME OUT

I have been single for 4 years after a heartbreaking, cheating relationship. All I want is a good, clean, honest guy. I don't lie, cheat or steal and I work very hard. I am down-to-earth with some extravagant hesitations. I may be older, but I'm not dead and feel I am worth at least dating to see how we fit. **dboyd487 40 ☐ #002243**

FRIENDLY, HORNY, ROMANTIC & CUDDLY

Fun, educated, attractive man. I have nice gay friends but no one special to date. I have a lot of love to give to someone. Had fell in love at 60 and I believe it is never too late. Enjoy sunsets, theater, music, art, architecture, swimming, hiking, riding, walking, reading, and sexy men. No TV here. Let's talk about ideas and events. **justmyself 58 ☐ #108444**

GUARANTEE YOU WILL LIKE ME

I'm a very easy on the eyes, have tons of positive energy, healthy, happy and content here looking to share it with someone. I love outdoor activities and just getting out into life and see what sticks. **paul, 44 #101342**

LOOKING FOR FUN

Hi, looking for a married man in Addison county to have some secret fun. I'm married, so must be discreet. Let me know if we can have some fun. **sampleman 43 #104124**

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WOMEN seeking

SEXY BLOND SEEKS...
I'm looking for a man who knows how to have a good time with no commitment. If you want to know more, email me. ab83 24 ☐ #404484

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS
I'm looking for a man with confidence who isn't afraid to take command and get wild. I love to be dominated in bed. I am into a lot of different things, including threesomes. You must be discreet and drug- and disease-free. Honeeyplamy 42 #407244

GIRL-GIRL VIRGIN ...HELP!
MW wonders for the girl-girl experience. Want to lose my "virginity." I have the only cock I want, but need a playmate. Want someone different from me in all the right places, for sexy fun with NO drama. Need a dirty mind, dirty mouth and mean [illegible]! I'm too young to be inhibited, too old to be reckless. Let's see whatcha got! sassafrass 3[illegible] ☐ #404484

LOOKING FOR FUN
I'm looking for a strong-willed, aggressive and passionate woman to play with. Experience is absolutely necessary. I don't want to play with amateurs. I'm not interested in a long-term relationship. However I do want someone I can play with and party with. IK_ghost 26 m ☐ #404403

A FANTASY OF A LOVER
[illegible] looking for a woman who would help us fulfill a [illegible]. I would like to get to know you a bit first. Then we could talk about our casual experience. If you are interested please get a contact. I'm an open book. Thanks :). rudeum 24, m, ☐, #419058

NAUGHTY GIRL NEXT DOOR
Never done this before but I got sick of guys. I love giving oral sex rather than receiving. Toys are always fun. I'm down for anything at least once. nbygal02 22, #404030

HORNY PASSIONATE
SWF 39 looking for pleasure, love no lust. Would like to explore some kinky fantasies. A man willing to give me a try to please him. Clean and discreet, please. Possible [illegible] too. #A2004 40 m, #401994

NEW LESSONS TO BE LEARNED
Shy, awkward and inexperienced, looking for a bundle of smiles, someone to be patient with me, open me up, help me learn to feel comfortable in my own skin and show me things I might like to know. Would like just an individual experience. [illegible] justcuriousenough 24, ☐, #404448

CINDERELLA WITH FOR DOUBLE DS
You know, I'm refusing to give up. I am voluptuous, glass-slippered. There's no disguising the fact... so if that's not your type, don't respond and waste my time, okay? I'm looking for a little bit of the wild side with some domination thrown in, but admittedly, I'm somewhat of a novice in this age. I'd love some help in that department. biggirlsdwory 32, #410755

If you're looking for full-on kink or BDSM play, you'll get what you need here.

TINY WITH BIG IMAGINATION
Petite female, 33, looking for "forbidden" adventures. littlenAventure 3[illegible] #410444

DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS
I love to say no... think you're good enough to make me want to say yes? Can you afford to own me? Yeah Daddy, I like it rough, but you'd better be sweet and reward me for all I do for you... this slave will grow [illegible]. mama_pajama 30 m, #404484

QUITE A CATCH
Voluptuous (or there's more to love) brunette, brown eyes. Looking to try new experiences. Very curious about BDSM, not real into pain. Searching for someone to be my private tutor. Please, don't bother responding if you're not the play-date type & involved with someone. Don't waste my time or yours. whiskeltwisker 4[illegible] #404994

MY SEXUALITY REFUSES DEFINITION
Seeking #2 [illegible] to be an A//Almost porter boy in party with no rules and between the sheets. Definitely DON'T want NSA sex or a one-nighter. Yeah, there has to be an emotional/sexual connect to heat something up :) Confident beautiful like a straight girl! My sexuality can be best described as gay guy in drag. Imagine me as him, if that makes you hot, email joy 40, #401155

[illegible]
Okay, I am now new to this. If you are out there, hope you find me! I am new to the BDSM scene, let's say [illegible] "aroused" my curiosity and I think it's what's been missing from my life. I just need to find the right teacher. I'm a full-figured-gal, and you [illegible]. (Also [illegible] in theaters.) monkBay 45, #410042

MEN seeking

FREAKY BUT FUN!
I am looking for a lady who can accept me just the way I am. I have a professional career and have returned to college to study fashion. My private life consists of cross-dressing and letting a woman use a strap-on on me. I like petite, shaved. Oral (mutual) is a must, and we'll go from there. Long term possible. #07249, 40, ☐ #407244

HORNY BOY FOR YOU
Hey everyone. I am really horny and just looking for anyone to say hello to. I [illegible] say no to anything, I promise. hornyman840 28, #404270

ATTRACTIVE YOUNG DICK
I am an attractive [illegible] year-old male with muscles and nice, looking for a crazy bitch who wants the cock. Hmmm 24 #404295

AVAILABLE, DIVORCED, CLEAN, FUN ATTENTIVE
Divorced, handsome, professional WM seeks F between 40 and 55 for NSA (?) affair. I'm drug and disease-free, no professional baggage, and no significant. A [illegible] overweight is OK. Ideally friends as well as lovers. I fantasize about a woman bold enough to call me and say "I'm horny, come on over right away." Thanks for writing. timeparsoncelonly 53, #404263

ENDURANCE, TOUCH, RESPECTFUL, POSITIVE, INTENSE
I'm a very [illegible] man, smart, attractive, deliciously adventurous [illegible] prefer [illegible] who is looking for couples (F-M) and F-F). I am a high-energy, focused, grounded, endurance lover and can be into various kink. Respect, confidentiality, disease-free, mature attitudes are required. Have you been wanting to try something new but were waiting for the right guy. Give me a shout. greennights 30, ☐ #417258

PASSIONATE LOVER
Tall, hot, passionate man in great shape looking for that special female friend for intimate pleasures and delights. You've fantasized about doing something sexually adventurous with a woman and more than one man. We are slender to athletic, [illegible] with all the right curves and ready to indulge your fantasies. A professional, sensuous, imaginative, playful [illegible] if I mention [illegible] epeak 44 #404244

[illegible] DAMSEL IN DISTRESS
In the [illegible] of loneliness [illegible] over you. Can't [illegible] free from the [illegible] now? Afraid you'll last [illegible] minute. I'm searching for a single female with twinkling eyes who [illegible] magical mutual fantasies for [illegible]. Galahad may be the [illegible] to save you from [illegible] peril. KnightGregus 44 m #404078

MARRIED GUY LOOKING FOR SAME
Married guy looking to have discreet fun with other married guys. Ideal age range 40-60 years old. Irishguest, 40 #407180

[illegible]
I like fishing, chess. Am looking for a woman 45-55 years old for good times and looking fun. tony 34 #407515

NEED NOW
Need a BBW for discreet sex and play. You will not be disappointed. You cannot be too large for me. #Xtianat 44 #404142

WILD LOOKING FOR SOME LOVIN'
I'm happily married but have feelings for some extra fun. wildeindg, 40, #404451

HUBBY LET'S PLAY!
Looking for fun, masculine guys for good times. Let's play in the Northeast Kingdom. welcom 44 #404440

BALD ADONIS SEEKING
Up here in Burlington again. I [illegible] with music, but I love to meet people for photography, play, even coffee :) [illegible] 34, ☐ #404474

DARK MASTER DESIRES COMPLIANT SECRETARY
get me a [illegible]. I am 41, dark, latin, heavy-set, Straight DOM seeks sub female for my pleasure and then gentlemen. SM/S[illegible]. DDS. Active participation/sex only. Couples? Only if I take you to the cuckold [illegible]. But know that there can be a velvet glove wrapped around the [illegible] fist. Dom/Switch women who want a "Daddy" are welcome. DDMARK 44 ☐ #403444

LOOKING FOR APPRECIATIVE LOVER
Looking for a woman who appreciates being with a good guy who will treat her right! I'm adventurous, enjoy domination and toys. Great attitude about sex and loving sex is important. [illegible] part of it. At the time of [illegible] a different place. Just for a moment. Come join me. [illegible] 43 #404084

NEED MORE?
Involved with workaholic. Need outlet. Please help! Sexually knowledgeable and willing to learn. merlum, 5[illegible] #103794

HOT MAN LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INTERESTING
I am a very fit, good-looking, single, white male looking for anything unique, fun, creative and kinky. I have been with a guy before and enjoy the thought of being with a bisexual couple. I am very easygoing, easy to get along with and nonthreatening. I'll send you some pictures if you are interested. northbender 34 m, ☐, #400055

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LOOKING FOR FUN
I like to have fun, get wild and party. I'm looking for someone who knows how to get down and dirty. bobbybass50 43, ☐ #407044

EXPAND MY LIMITS AND HORIZONS
40, professional, GWM in great shape. Loves to bike ride, swim, kayak, play in the surf and work out. Looking for another good-looking, well-educated guy which not afraid to push my limits and expand my horizons in a discreet and fun setting. I'm mostly bottom and love to try new things with a strong top man. bodysurfer 48 ☐ #400000

CHOICES
I love to have fun and play sports, especially golf. I would love to show a fine young lady how to swing my shaft. ;) [illegible] 22, ☐ #404144

FREE AT LAST
Recently divorced, looking to get back in the swing with the right girl or girls. Not ready for commitment again. I just want to play and have lots of great, wild sex. [illegible] 32, #537026

CASUAL, NO STRINGS, GOOD FUN
I'm a good looking guy looking for some casual sex. Everyone has needs. I'm just looking to fulfill them. I might be a little shy at first but I warm up fast. Looking for women who want to have some fun and are open to new things. [illegible] 31, #404054

THIGH-HIGH BOOT-LOVER SEX
If you're into boots, leather and latex, then I'm the guy for you. Nothing makes me hornier than a well-dressed woman. If you know what I mean. And finding the right one to share this with is truly the hardest thing. So are you the one? Please let me know and you won't be sorry! fortHaver 43 #404013

SUBMISSIVE GUY FOR YOU!
Some experience with domination, but truly want to experience more and have my limits pushed. Can you lead me to your pleasure? simply4fun 44 #404044

THIS GUY'S SINCERE AND HORNY
Discreet, able man looking for fun, open to most anything within my age. Free time during the day or evenings and can travel if needed. Extroverted is fun. Pleasing a woman easily, too. Friendly and don't play games. Have lots of [illegible]. Would love to chat. No guys, please. Size, looks not important. vtmanbuddie 58, #404918

OTHERS seeking

COUPLE SEEKING THIRD
Late twenties, attractive, professional, man-woman couple seeking woman for DISCREET sexual encounter. He's done it before, she hasn't but is willing to try. If you are a woman between the ages of 21 and 36, are attractive, disease-free and looking for a satisfying sexual encounter, please reply. nokas 28 ☐ #407294

HOT AND HORNY COUPLE
We're looking for a discreet encounter with another couple or single female or male. Don't want anything serious. Just some day or night fun. Saturdaay 44 #404428

LOOKING FOR A HOT WOMAN
Hi! I am looking for a hot woman to play with me and my man. Must be attractive and clean. We practice safe sex and lots of play. Come and play with us! We love to do all kinds of things. It's your call. We are up for suggestions. Just let us know. Please send a pic. [illegible] 30, #404590

CURIOUS BUT ADVENTUROUS COUPLE
We're an easygoing couple looking to explore the swinging scene. We want to start slow, but who knows where it might end up. She's 22, voluptuous, has all [illegible] average build. We'd like to share some sexy [illegible] and possibly phone chats with a no-pressure [illegible] vibe. We're looking for [illegible] women or couples, no single men. 79hunters 22, ☐ #407444

[illegible]
My friend and I are looking for a woman or couple to meet. We are not looking for anything serious. Just someone who loves sex as much as we do. We are looking for fun, sweaty and sometimes kinky encounters. Would love to meet the right someone for drinks to see how creative we can be. [illegible] 44 #404034

QUEER SUBMISSIVE SEEKING DOMINANT PERSONALITY
I'm queer, transmasculine and kinky. I'm a college [illegible] to graduate and enter the real world. I'm looking for somebody on the masculine spectrum who is willing to be a patient [illegible]. Someone who can balance sex with trust and affection. I like all sorts of kinks, and with the right [illegible] I'm willing to try anything. queerkittens, 21 #404444

MARRIED COUPLE LOOKING TO EXPLORE
Thirty-year-old married couple looking to get creative with attractive white male. Looking to explore and open to new ideas [illegible] Dirty_Dave_and_The Virgin_Mary 42, ☐ #100000

VOODOO MAN
He would like to meet other couples or males [illegible] play erotic encounters. [illegible] #00509 44 #404340

COUPLE SEEKING OTHERS
Happily married couple, 47 and 49 years old, attractive and intelligent, interested in meeting other mature couples for safe, fun encounters. jpede, 47 #100052

WE LOVE TO WATCH
Couple married but not to each other, love to watch. M 50 5'10" 185 lbs, good looking, shaved. F 43 5'7" 140 lbs, sweet and sexy, shaved. We're smart, funny, uninhibited and appreciative. Looking for a couple, MF, FF or MM for weekday afternoon play. We're open to any scenario you'd like. Let's talk about it. ptrelove, 42 ☐ #402444

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, attractive couple looking to meet fun and erotic people. We would like to meet a female/couple into [illegible] in some [illegible] play or watching girl/girl play. She is very bi curious. LetsGetTogether 38 #404543

YOU CAN'T BELIEVE
Interested in trying something new. redbullfly 44 #100207

LET'S PLAY
Looking for a single man that gives a good massage or a couple for some more play. funluv, 40 ☐ #403454

2 KINKY LOVERS LOOKING FOR 2 MORE
We are a very dirty couple looking to have some fun with other couples, women or the right man. Let's [illegible] each other and see where our tongues roam. We are new to this so let's see what you can show us. Open to just about anything, let's get together and see what pops up. #03806 34 #404406

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Dear Mistress,

I have this lingering, back-of-my-mind fantasy about golden showers. I recently mentioned to my boyfriend that I sometimes enjoy peeing as I orgasm while masturbating in the shower. This left him a little curious about him peeing inside of me during some sexy shower time. Just the discussion left me in a sensational feeling, and I am wondering if this is actually plausible.

However much this idea turns me on, it doesn't seem terribly sanitary — and complications and infections are simply not risks I'm willing to take.

So, all-knowing Mistress, please tell me: Is my fantasy able to be fulfilled, or something better left to the imagination and dirty talk?

Sincerely,
A Curious Kink

Dear C.K.,

Actually, urine is one of the human body's most "sanitary" fluids. Pee is sterile when it's inside the body and, barring any transfer of bacteria as it exits the urethra, it's pretty clean when it comes out, too. My friends at Planned Parenthood of Northern New England tell me that water sports like what you're describing aren't too risky.

Kudos to you and your boyfriend for being open to golden showers. Some people cast aside the idea as too "icky" or taboo, all the while not fully realizing how sensual and intimate pee play can be. Start slowly and enjoy the warming sensation of the liquid on your skin. For ease and cleanliness, this type of play is best performed in the shower.

There is one potential problem with your kinky tryst — most men can't urinate when they have an erection. When a guy gets hard, a little valve in his penis switches to let only semen pass. If your beau is turned on, he may not be able to perform; hence, the golden shower will most likely have to be the prologue or the epilogue to your steaming story.

Showering you with love,
MM

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MONTPELIER SYNDROME?
Wonder if you still read these things. So I, I spy you. Today. Why? 'Cause I promised myself not to call you again. Maybe this will get your attention. Then again, who knows. **When: Friday, August 11, 2007. Where: In my dreams. You: Woman. Me: Man. #901122**

PERRY'S GAS STATION – MONTPELIER
I enjoy chatting with you whenever I stop in. We are similar in age and situation. Was wondering if we could get together sometime, but haven't had the nerve to ask. If you're available and interested, give me a sign the next time you see me. I think you'll know who I am ... if you can recognize my car! **When: Monday, November 5, 2007. Where: Perry's gas station, Montpelier. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902115**

HOT BLONDE IN BARRE
You seduced me with wilderness wine, toast and jam now. I returned the favor with [illegible] strong hands and willing lips. May it be the first of many chilly nights spent cuddled up together. **When: Sunday, November 11, 2007. Where: Barre. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902120**

CUTE CC GIRL AT CHURCH
You caught my eye on the way in, but I didn't see you again until I was putting on my coat to leave. I was too tipsy and shy to say that I think you're lovely and cute. Coffee sometime? You: rocking the bandit wristbands. Me: long Flannel, black sweater and tan pants. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: Nectar's. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #901119**

I NEVER FORGOT ABOUT YOU
You sent me a message and told you wanted to spend the rest of your life with me, but we went our separate ways. I want to let you know that I never forgot about you. I would really like to talk to you. After all these years, I am free (but I don't know if you are). Please call me. Honey Bunny. **When: Sunday, December 15, 2002. Where: High school. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901111**

WORKED AT SHAW'S IN BERLIN
I used to see you working at Shaw's in Berlin but haven't seen you in a long time. It seemed like you would make a point to come over and bag my groceries. I thought there might be a mutual attraction. I wasn't available at the time but am now. Would like to meet you. **When: Thursday, January 11, 2007. Where: Shaw's, Berlin Corners, VT. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901117**

LITTLE NOODLE...
I spy a cozy new woman in my life. We've only been hanging out a few months but I hope there are many more. I look forward to seeing you as you brighten my day with your romantic ways and silly smiles. Just give me the chance to be the wonderful man you deserve in your life, and I don't wanna hear "never." **When: Sunday, November 11, 2007. Where: Dinner in Richmond. You: Woman. Me: Man. #901115**

WHAT ARE THE ODDS?
I spy a cute, sweet number-cruncher with a penchant for sitting double times. Dinner and fun and games again? You got the fix! I'll make the flan. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: your kitchen. You: Woman. Me: Man. #901117**

TO DAVE AND LITTLE "[illegible]"
My dogs and I see you walking all the time. I like that you and your little mini-[illegible] have for each other is truly unique. I've never had the nerve to approach you. Everyone around Colchester seems to know you except me. I'm a tall, slim blond woman walking two German Shepherds. Please say hi. I'm too shy to approach first. **When: Friday, November 1, 2007. Where: all over Mallett's Bay. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901111**

CUTE COUNTER GIRL AT SKINNY PANCAKE
Tall, redheaded guy with facial [illegible] talking to the short haired, blue-eyed cutie behind the counter at The Skinny Pancake. Kept trying to make contact with you to give you my order but the other girl working with you kept interrupting us. How 'bout it? Single? Maybe we can share some Chocolate Monkey sometime when you get off work. Don't worry, I don't bite much. **When: Saturday, November 10, 2007. Where: The Skinny Pancake. You: Woman. Me: Man. #901112**

BOSTON SPORTS FAN
Posing as grant administrator for PEK Youth Program. I was discouraged with what was needed for my Subaru to pass inspection. You were all glowing that you all lead once a bonus all cap. We passed the time talking and you made my day a little brighter. Coffee and conversation outside the garage sometime. **When: Monday, November 5, 2007. Where: Greensboro Garage. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901111**

SKYWALKERS ON THE 605
It looked like you just stepped out the portal from some other enlightened dimension and onto the CCTA line through Winooski. You caught my eye immediately. We exchanged contact over the gal when she said to the passenger sitting next to her, "I don't like." It was too funny. Hoping to ride again with you in the future. **When: Thursday, November 8, 2007. Where: behind the bus driver. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901110**

HOT BLONDE GUY AT NECTAR'S
WOW, you are handsome. Kept looking over at you while playing trivia with friends. You walked by me and [illegible]. I heard you telling your friend that your girlfriend dumped you for an old [illegible]. I'll pick up where she left off. I was the cute one with [illegible]. Would love to feel your lips on mine. **When: Thursday, November 8, 2007. Where: Nectar's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901108**

IT STARTS IN MY TOES
...and now I can't wait to see where it goes. Our future is so bright. Thank you for finding me. I finally have my Mr. Wonderful. Yeah, you know who you are. **When: Thursday, November 8, 2007. Where: All my friends. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901109**

HUNGER MTN FOOD CO-OP
Sexy sweetness working at the kitchen. Your dark hair, ponytail! I see you every Friday and really wanna go out with you. **When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: Hunger Mtn. Co-op kitchen. You: Woman. Me: Man. #901101**

SUNDAY, OCT. 11 AT STOWE
Spruce season-pass office, Sunday, Oct. 11 around 1 p.m. You: tall, brown hair, beautiful, tan Jeep Liberty. Picking up your season pass with a friend. Me: tall, short brown hair, blue shirt. I caught a smile from you later in the parking lot. Let's share our secret powder stashes over coffee sometime. **When: Sunday, October 11, 2007. Where: Stowe Mountain Resort. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902105**

BLUE PADDLE BIRTHDAY BABE
Plenty of dandy, especially since she's fifty at fifty. You rock. **When: Thursday, November 15, 2007. Where: Blue Paddle. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #901107**

CONSIDER YOURSELF SPIED
Happy now my birth HR/Payroll Goddess? You've been spied (Christmas came early). Wait until next month when I send you my timesheet with a Christmas theme. **When: Thursday, November 8, 2007. Where: work. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #901101**

O-HARV DOUGH BOY
You're the most amazing person I know. I am going to make sure you have an amazing 11th birthday. I love you sooo much. Paul. **When: Thursday, November 8, 2007. Where: everywhere. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901102**

FUTURE INMATES OF AMERICA
In the morally depraved cockiness [illegible] the third of our [illegible] from S. Winooski St. Let it be known karma WILL come around when you least expect it! In the [illegible] all you pretty pig. There's still time to [illegible] you. **When: Wednesday, November 1, 2007. Where: South Williams Street. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901105**

REDHEAD AT RATDOG
Hey, you, my Lost Sailor? Bobby and I love you. Love will be a rose, it only grows when it's on the vine. This is where the magic is. I see [illegible]. Let's get it on. **When: Friday, November 1, 2007. Where: RatDog, Memorial Auditorium. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901100**

EMS
I saw you the other night. We talked about the cold weather, Camelbaks and ski straps. I wanted to ask if you'd like to go out for a glass of wine, cup of coffee, somewhere to talk ... but I didn't. Maybe if we run into one another again. I hope we get a chance. Maybe you noticed? I hope you did. **When: Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Where: EMS. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902100**

LAST SPOTTED AT MOE'S. WHO?
Attractive male with long brown hair pulled back into a ponytail, sporting a gold earring and black clothing, was spotted around 6:30 p.m. You captured my attention and I was hoping I could do the same. You were with three younger men. I was the one sitting across from you two tables down, wishing I was two tables up. **When: Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Where: Moe's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901110**

CAREERAS
You were Lucifer, I was Zombie. You gave me hugs when you walked in and posed for pictures for my girlfriend. We left when you went to sign up to sing. Wish we hadn't. **When: Saturday, October 27, 2007. Where: JP's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902101**

SHOULD YOU NEED US...
Missing your beautiful smile already. You made me happier than you'll ever know. Thanks for the soiree and palace. Hope you got the food you lost. **When: Monday, October 15, 2007. Where: around. You: Woman. Me: Man. #901107**

DAMN, SHOULD'VE TALKED TO YOU
Saw this girl Tuesday night, Nov. 6 [illegible]. Sexy, beautiful and confident, wearing a black jacket and rainbow scarf, ear gauges. Should've talked to you. Had the opportunity but was too timid to do so. I don't know, maybe it's because you seemed so perfect that I didn't want to mess it up. Ugh, and I start from work. Ha ha. **When: Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Where: Euro. You: Woman. Me: Man. #901105**

AIRMAN HIPPIE
I really think we clicked at Drink this past weekend. I enjoyed talking to you when we did. I wish we had exchanged numbers Sunday before we went our separate ways. Hope we can contact each other before you leave for [illegible] later this month. If not, good luck and we will meet in the near future. **When: Saturday, November 3, 2007. Where: at Drink. You: Man. Me: Woman. #901106**

NICK, JOHN AND FRIENDS
You: from an out of state training fighter from Vermont. Me: also from [illegible] along with my daughter. We had a great night together. This is to my [illegible] friends who live instate. **When: Saturday, October 13, 2007. Where: Mr. Mike's Pizza, martial arts fight. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902101**

TRAVELING NURSE
Came to it? Out outside of the cooling. I enjoyed meeting you during the Monday night Indy game at Red Square. I can't be there for the Indy game on the [illegible] but I'll be there on Monday night the 19th. I hope you'll meet me there. I'd love a date with you [illegible] this summer. **When: Monday, October 21, 2007. Where: Red Square. You: Woman. Me: Man. #901100**

WONDER IF YOU'LL NOTICE
I guess you've been on my mind lately. Maybe that's just because of some pink underwear. I was surprised when you noticed something here before, more so that you caught on that it was me. I guess I'm putting you to the test. We should hang out more, and soon. Who else are you going to picnic with in the cemetery? **When: Wednesday, October 11, 2007. Where: Burlington. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902107**

ROCKY HORROR SHOW IN PLAINFIELD
You sat next to me in the balcony. You are beautiful, with olive skin and almond shaped dark eyes. (You were with a male?) I'm hoping you're into chicks and single. You know where I work, but I haven't seen you here since. If you're interested in me, please show yourself. I can't [illegible]. Best you somewhere. **When: Monday, October 29, 2007. Where: Plainfield Town Hall. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902100**

HOT GUY PUMPING GAS
I spy a hot guy wearing a white shirt, pumping gas into the maroon SUV. I informed you that you made my day. Boy, did I wish you could have made my night! **When: Sunday, November 4, 2007. Where: gas station on Route 2. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902101**

STEADILY ORBITING
Space Dance, you are such a trip! So glad your cosmic ecstasy has launched you to your dreams. Your jetpack is full, your rockets are [illegible] so go out and get it, man, the moment is now. Have fun spiraling through your cosmic LOVE journey, and remember you are welcome to join me for organic picnics here on Earth anytime. **When: Monday, November 5, 2007. Where: dreaming on a mountain. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902107**

PURPLE HOODIE OUTSIDE MANHATTAN PIZZA
I secretly know that pimped-out purple [illegible] I don't care who knows. You're hot and you know it and now everyone knows it [illegible]. You are NOT a secret [illegible]. When: Saturday, November [illegible]. Where: outside Manhattan Pizza. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

TAHOE TRANSPLANT IN STOWE
Welcome to town. From Tahoe to Vermont [illegible] the Blue Green State [illegible]. When: Sunday, November [illegible] 2007. Where: Stowe. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

CHEESE TRADING MAN KILLER SMILE
[illegible] Saturday the [illegible]. Almost out of the delicious Swiss you recommended [illegible] either way. [illegible]. When: Friday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Cheese Traders in Burlington. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

THE END OF PINK ARLE
Wow, man! What a unique, splashing, twisted magnificent joy ride of self-discovery. What [illegible] Great Ball of LOVE. [illegible] for life is continually bringing forth new exciting opportunities. When: Tuesday, October [illegible]. Where: originally, Two [illegible]. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

UVM ALLY DOWNTOWN
Gorgeous blond guy whom I've seen time and time again. Tonight you [illegible] UVM Ally shirt [illegible]. Hope you are on the market and looking to meet [illegible]. When: Sunday, November 4, 2007. Where: Downtown at the Market. You: Man. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

DARK HAIRED BEAUTY AT HG
You were serving drinks at Higher Ground Saturday night during Brett Dennen and Cafe [illegible]. I caught your beautiful eyes and smile as you [illegible] I was blown away by your beauty and was too shy to make a move. I was the tall guy wearing the white button down [illegible]. When: Saturday, November [illegible] 2007. Where: Higher Ground, South Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

HOUSE-HUNTING IN BURLINGTON
Sunday, Nov. 4, about 1:30 p.m. [illegible] glasses and a black coat. You were entering an open house while I was leaving it. I have no idea what your orientation is, but I wouldn't mind if you were gay. In any case, good luck with the house-hunting. When: Sunday, November 4, 2007. Where: Burlington. You: Man. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

STOWE PILL BOX
This day, Nov. [illegible] at a conference in Stowe. You shaved head, great smile. We [illegible] You laughed when I joined [illegible]. Well, they're really not my thing, but coffee is. Care to have a [illegible]? When: Friday, November [illegible] 2007. Where: Stowe. You: Man. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

RYAN FROM LEBANON
Monday night basketball [illegible] you! You gave me your number so you could play [illegible] at the [illegible] this winter, and then I promptly lost my phone. Call [illegible] if you still want to play. When: Monday, July [illegible] 2007. Where: Callahan Park (South Park). You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

NOBLE [illegible] NAKED, LEAVING GROOVE
[illegible] the prince [illegible] slipper. How do I find you? I used to see you at [illegible] time ago. You have a familiar face. I admit that was not my only window of opportunity [illegible]. You really are lovely. When: Sunday, September 23, 2007. Where: Waterfront/King Street, 3-4ish. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

VIPER
Thanks to the very attractive man who fixed the autostart on my Jeep Liberty Renegade on Nov. [illegible] [illegible] this morning. Single? When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: Viper in Williston. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

LOVELY [illegible] BARTENDERS
You always have smiles on your faces and make the [illegible] one of the best places to go in Burlington. Thanks for being the best [illegible] bartenders I've ever seen. When: Saturday, November [illegible] 2007. Where: [illegible]. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

SPIRITUAL REZ – NECTAR'S
Dark hair, light, natural-looking [illegible] part of your Egyptian costume. You are absolutely beautiful. [illegible] very familiar, though I could not remember why. Struck me later that you were at VT Roots Reggae this summer. Many lovely people, but I distinctly recall admiring you from afar. Maybe you were wearing the same get-up? Hoping for a good reason to say hello next time. When: Saturday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Spiritual Rez. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

DESPERATELY SEEKING TAMMY
Tam, I hope you see this message. [illegible] together to lunch [illegible] and a movie. [illegible] a lot. Hope we meet soon. Robert. When: Monday, December 10, 2007. Where: [illegible]. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

STARING CONTEST AT INDIGO
I couldn't help it. Wasn't the first time we've caught each other's eye. I spy with my blue eyes a gorgeous [illegible] stylist with gorgeous hair, gorgeous eyes, gorgeous smile. All I know about you is your name and that you're gorgeous. Tell me more, tell me more! Over coffee, drinks, dinner? When: Friday, October 12, 2007. Where: Indigo. You: Man. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

GINGER GIRL
[illegible] on these [illegible] fall days. I'm going to try to have some patience [illegible] my wishes can come true. All I need is one kiss. When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: all around town. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

BLUE EYES
I saw you Friday night at Chili's in the [illegible] area with two guys and a girl. You were wearing a black t-shirt with a white symbol on it, dirty-blonde styled hair, blue eyes. We made eye contact. I was standing in the doorway, stand out, brown hair, dark-rimmed glasses. I would love to chat with you! When: Friday, November [illegible] 2007. Where: Chili's Restaurant. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

A TOWN FILLED WITH PEOPLE...
[illegible] who [illegible] forget how precious this very moment is. Focus now on what matters. Life is flushed with radiant energy and [illegible] happenings all around you as you read this. Nothing is actually truly [illegible]. Breathe deeply. Look around. This place is amazing. You are alive and experiencing something incredible. The beauty is everywhere, and just SEEING is the gift! When: Saturday, November 3, 2007. Where: everywhere. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

BANANAS
[illegible] a heated Spanish [illegible] kicking your [illegible] I don't want to kick you! [illegible] Happy Birthday [illegible]. When: Sunday, January [illegible] 2007. Where: East Joe. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

I SPY AN AT BOY
You pick up a deposit from my store every Friday. I have a hard time finding men who are taller than me, but you fit the bill. It doesn't hurt that [illegible] you're sexy either. Unfortunately I'm too shy to make a move. Are you? When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: Maple Tree Place, Williston. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

MAKE ME MELT
Spied you at the UVM hockey game vs. Dartmouth. UVM [illegible] is the hottest little [illegible] to ever hit that campus. Late night hot chocolate at the [illegible] I'm sticking around between semesters. When: Sunday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: UVM/Dartmouth hockey game. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

ACCIDENTALLY FOLLOWED YOU?
Pretty [illegible] in a silver VW who was ahead of me all the way into town. We chatted [illegible] in the parking lot as you headed to the cleaners. Loved your smile and would like to see you again [illegible]. When: Friday, November [illegible] 2007. Where: dry cleaners. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

WAITSFIELD [illegible] SINGLES
I spied a newcomer to the central VT area. Welcome, [illegible]. Hope you had a great eve at the Big Picture Theater. You ran into an old friend, Small world, eh? I hope she had as much fun [illegible] you. Maybe you can find what you're looking for [illegible] wish you the best. Very [illegible] meeting you. When: Thursday, November 1, 2007. Where: Waitsfield. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

JP'S, OCT. [illegible]
You were Fun[illegible], I was Rambo. You gave me hugs when you [illegible] and posed for pictures for my girlfriend. We left when you went to sign up to sing. Wished we hadn't. When: Saturday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: JP's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

BROWN CRAPS AT PEARL STREET
Saw you in costume Halloween night at Pearl Street Beverage. [illegible] Never [illegible]. When: Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Where: Pearl Street Beverage. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

PEARL STREET BEVERAGE WINE REP
The Pearl Street Beverage [illegible] want to know: 1) Do you know the blond wine rep — the only female wine rep — who actually works [illegible] someone else and happens to have been there when you [illegible]? 2) Are you talking about one of the five [illegible] haired, amazing [illegible] who actually work there? When: Friday, November 2, 2007. Where: Pearl Street Beverage. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

DON'T CRY CUTE FARMER CHICK
I have always asked myself: What if the short time hadn't been cut shorter by my short-sightedness [illegible] last year? I [illegible] about you now more than you may ever know. I enjoy [illegible] friend but long for you [illegible]. When: Thursday, September 2, 2007. Where: every day. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

MUDDY WATERS LADY IN RED
Thursday night, Nov. 1, the [illegible] movie. I offered a seat that you (and your journal?) took, but a good old friend was on the phone discussing our vices and it kept me from introducing myself. I only had time for an apology before you left. Let me apologize again in person, this time with my phone off. When: Thursday, November 1, 2007. Where: Muddy Waters. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

I MISS YOU [illegible]
I miss you. I am sorry I didn't get my head out of my A-S sooner. Don't let the bed bugs bite. When: Tuesday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

HALLOWEEN CONAN
You, a [illegible] Conan on Halloween. Me, a risque [illegible] in black. Sorry you [illegible] stay [illegible] but hope you found my Halloween tricks a treat. Next time maybe I should be the tied up damsel? When: Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Where: Burlington [illegible]. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

SEXY BARISTA BOY
You, blonde [illegible], sly smile, sarcastic. Me, [illegible] hair, [illegible] about work. The latte you made was great, but it was you I was thinking about at work. Afterwards? When: Saturday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Speeder's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

SHLYEST OF [illegible] ALL
[illegible] I miss you more than [illegible]. I wish you were here in the [illegible] with me. I miss [illegible] around the [illegible] with you [illegible]. When: Thursday, August [illegible] 2007. Where: [illegible]. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

GUY WHO [illegible]
Get my [illegible] You must have great legs. From the fun-loving lady who's exploring. When: Wednesday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: around here. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

YOU ARE FLIRTATIOUS
"I [illegible] everything just for a taste." When: Monday, October 2[illegible] 2007. Where: UVM. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

CRUSH CAT
[illegible] we met at a post-wedding party two years ago over a plate of special brownies and really hit it off. I often find myself thinking about you. When: Saturday, August [illegible] 2007. Where: after show. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

RI RA'S SATURDAY NIGHT, OCT. 20
Well let's see: white button-up shirt, looks like a [illegible] jacket may have gone with that shirt. You were with two buddies hanging by the corner of the bar. Me: yellow shirt. How about a photo? When: Saturday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Ri Ra's Pub. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

HEIRLOOM APPLES AT CITY MARKET
You were eating lunch at the tables. I sat next to you to wait for my friend. You have salt and pepper hair in a ponytail, large aquamarine eyes, and a [illegible] tattoo on your right arm. I have dark brown hair, was carrying a pumpkin and heirloom apple which we talked about. Want to bake an heirloom apple pie? When: [illegible], October [illegible] 2007. Where: City Market. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

CURLY-HAIRED CUTIE IN CHEM CLASS
[illegible] I couldn't [illegible] with you [illegible] too many people. If single, want to get a cup of coffee sometime? When: Tuesday, October 30, 2007. Where: in class. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

BEAUTIFUL AIRPLANE BLONDE
Saw you with a Rasta-strapped handbag on a late flight from Dulles to Burlington. Just wanted to let you know that you are striking and gorgeous. Sorry I kept staring, but I couldn't help myself. You have the most [illegible] face. When: Monday, October 29, 2007. Where: flight from Dulles to Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

SEEKING YOUNG [illegible] TEACHER
I was at your [illegible] with two co-workers, advertising our program. I couldn't concentrate too well [illegible]. The young teacher with a [illegible], grading papers and chatting with your students [illegible]. Hope to see you again soon. When: Monday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Central Vermont High School. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

REDHEAD FROM PORTLAND: PART 2
So I was thinking: one beer isn't enough to get the [illegible] out of you. Can you tell that I really want you to notice? I woke up [illegible] my own [illegible] not getting your number. At the least, thanks for the [illegible]. Again, I hope you see this ad. When: Saturday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Higher Ground. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

"YOU'RE TERRIBLE, MURIEL!"
I spy [illegible] the [illegible] eye [illegible] absolutely [illegible] in Burlington. I'm so grateful our paths have crossed. I love it, I love it, I love it! When: Monday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Burlington. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

RE: RI RA'S SATURDAY NIGHT, OCT. 20
It's a hide [illegible] game I — [illegible] the [illegible] to that matter [illegible]. Could you be more specific than "[illegible] guy, white shirt?" When: Saturday, October 20, 2007. Where: Ri Ra's. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER
We've known each other for quite some time. [illegible] excited when I'm about to see you. A smile creeps across my face and it won't go away. You make me smile by being you and that's all I can ask for. Maybe someday there will be something more. When: Monday, October 29, 2007. Where: my bed. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

BEST LOOKING AT SEATTLE'S BEST
Robert, you are truly a great guy. You've always got a pleasant demeanor and that's a necessity first thing in the morning. I got my latte at Seattle's Best just for a moment of your time. You're a good looking guy. It's a shame you don't play for both teams! When: Monday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Seattle's Best Coffee. You: Man. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

RED TEE FROM PORTLAND
Voulez-vous dance avec moi? We danced! I loaned my [illegible] glasses, a cheeky kiss and my number verbally. That was a mistake. I resort to this ad. Yes, you are beautiful, but I'd rather say the person where the room is full of [illegible]. What do you say? I [illegible] hope this gets to you. When: Saturday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Higher Ground. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

EMERALD GREEN EYES ON BIKE
Man on bicycle with short dark hair, with a funky blue man bag. We locked eyes outside of Mendoza's. [illegible] on College St. as you were riding by on your bike. Your emerald green eyes stopped me in my tracks. I was the guy in the red track jacket with the black man bag. Interested in getting together? When: Monday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: College Street. You: Man. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

SEXY CARLEY
When you [illegible] me to come to your place on a Friday afternoon. I know you know who I am. [illegible] I wish [illegible] in the right ways. When: Saturday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Church Street. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

BURLINGTON WATERFRONT GOD
I spy Poseidon, the [illegible] god of the seas (and [illegible]) near the Boathouse Monday, Oct. [illegible]. Bald, [illegible]-clad god with gorgeous blue eyes and arms this nymph would happily [illegible]. Want to have an earth-shaking adventure with me? When: Monday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: Burlington Waterfront. You: Man. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

GROOVE OVER [illegible]
I know you read these every week... I just wanted to let you know that I am crazy about you and that no matter what happens I want you in my life. I know you can't be with me. That's not what I'm asking or expecting. I needed to do something to express my feelings. Thanks for that trip to heaven. When: Monday, October 29, 2007. Where: [illegible]. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

WITH FRECKLES MADE ME SMILE
Erica, [illegible] you live in Burlington and shop at City Market, and you [illegible] a lot, too. Can we continue our conversation sometime? When: Saturday, October 20, 2007. Where: Montpelier [illegible]. You: Woman. Me: Man. #902[illegible]

GOING TO EDELWEISS??
I spy someone else who got the job in Germany at the Edelweiss Lodge. I leave in January and I am trying to meet people in the same position before making the big move. Let's grab coffee and talk about the adventure ahead. When: [illegible], September [illegible] 2007. Where: Hampton Inn Interviews. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

CRIB
I've had a crush on you for [illegible] years. I remember [illegible] blushing at the bar because of the comment you made about the shirt I was wearing. We run into each other every so often. I would like the chance to have coffee with you. I have been too shy to ask you on a date when I see you. So what do you think? When: Monday, October [illegible] 2007. Where: in my thoughts. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #902[illegible]

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classes

acting

FILM ACTING WORKSHOP: Dec. 15-16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. annually. Cost: $215/2-day workshop. Location: Best Western Conference Center, Waterbury. Info: Vermont Film Acting Group, Ian O'Reilly, 802-183-4899, ian@pshift.com. *Michael Hanks has acted in over 80 feature films and television shows and is most recognized for his long run on "The Practice." He will be visiting from LA and teaching this two-day film acting seminar. This intensive will focus on scene study work using the Ivana Chubbuck technique outlined in the bestselling book "The Power of the Actor." The Chubbuck studio is one of the few top film acting studios in LA.*

bodywork

BIODYNAMIC CRANIOSACRAL INTRO: Feb. 21-24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $550/4-day module. Location: Whiting Studio, 425 Moon Lakeside Lane, Huntington, VT. Info: Whiting Studio, Liz and Bob Whiting, 802-434-3664, lbwhiting@gmavt.com. *Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy is subtle, gentle and on the cutting edge of energy medicine. Four-day course introduces the relationship between practitioner and primary respiration, fulcrums for grounding, early embryology and energy mid-lines. Intro is prerequisite for two-year training that starts in April 2008. Certified teacher: Jan Pemberton, RAP, BCST.*

INTRODUCTION TO REFLEXOLOGY: Jan. 20-21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $260/16 continuing education credit hours. Location: Touchstone Healing Arts School of Massage, 205 Dorset St., South Burlington. Info: 802-658-7715, www.touchstonehealingarts.com. *No prior bodywork experience is necessary. Areas covered: basic history behind reflexology, different theories of how reflexology works and the benefits and contraindications of reflexology, a foot reflexology sequence, thumb and finger walking, reflexology techniques, the cognitive and practical understanding of the Zones, Guidelines and Reflexes of the feet.*

computers

COMPUTER WORKSHOPS: Dec. 8. Cost: $3/suggested donation per workshop. Location: Fletcher Free Library, 235 College Street, Burlington. Info: Fletcher Free Library, 802-865-7211, www.fletcherfree.org. *The Fletcher Free Library offers Computer Workshops designed for beginning and intermediate users: Intro to Windows, Intro to Microsoft Word, Intermediate Microsoft Word, Internet Exploration, Email, Email Basics with Yahoo Mail, Intermediate Internet, and Protect Your Computer (virus protection). Pre-registration is required.*

craft

RUG HOOKING: TRADITIONAL/PUNCH: Two-and-a-half hour classes can be arranged to fit your schedule, days or evenings. Cost: $25/2.5-hour class. Location: Violet Jane Studio, 28 Maple Ridge Rd., Underhill. Info: Sara Burghoff, 802-899-3076, sarajane01sk@yahoo.com, www.violetjane.com. *Learn to hook a rug using either a punch needle and yarn or a rug hook and strips of cut fabric. You can work on a small project which will teach you all the skills needed to make a large rug. Wool dye (yarn or fabric) classes also offered.*

dance

AFRO CARIBBEAN DANCE: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - noon, Montpelier. Fridays, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Burlington. Cost: $11/class. Location: Capital City Grange, Montpelier; Memorial Auditorium Loft, Burlington. Info: Carla Kevorkian, 802-985-3665. *Dance to the rhythms of Cuban and Haitian music. Live drumming led by Stuart Paton. Monthly master classes with visiting instructors. Beginners welcome!*

BALLROOM DANCING: Cost: $50/person for 4-week session. Location: The Champlain Club, Burlington; Shelburne Town Hall, Shelburne; Swanton Central School Cafeteria, Swanton. Info: First Step Dance, 802-598-6757, kevin@firststepdance.com, www.firststepdance.com. *Mondays and Thursdays in Burlington, Tuesdays in Shelburne, Wednesdays in Swanton. Beginning, intermediate and experienced classes available. Various styles, various times. Come alone, or come with friends, but come out and learn to dance.*

DANCE STUDIO SALSALINA: Cost: $12. Location: 266 Pine St., Burlington. Info: Victoria, 802-598-1077, info@salsalina.com. *Salsa classes: Nightclub-style 1-on-1 group and private, four levels. Wednesdays: beginner walk-in classes at 6 p.m. Argentinean Tango class and social, Fridays, 7:30 p.m., walk-ins welcome. No dance experience, partner or pre-registration required. Just the desire to have fun! Drop in at any time and prepare for an enjoyable weekend.*

SWING DANCE: Cost: $50/4-week series. Location: Champlain Club, 20 Crowley St., Burlington. Info: Shirley McAdam, 802-864-7953, shirley@fairpoint.net, www.vermontswings.com. *Swing Basics, Tuesdays, Nov. 13 - Dec. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. No experience required. Classic 8-Count Moves, Wednesdays, Nov. 14 - Dec. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Prerequisite: Swing 1. Picture Perfect, Wednesdays, Nov. 14 - Dec. 19, 7:45-8:45 p.m. Prerequisite: Swing 2. A.B.C. No partner needed. Taught by Shirley McAdam & Chris Nickl.*

design/build

ARCHITECTURAL CRAFT CLASSES: Cost: $300/2-day classes, $150/1-day class. Scholarships are available. Location: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, 189 VT Rt. 100, Warren. Just 45 minutes from Burlington. Info: Yestermorrow Design/Build School, Erin Russell-Story, 802-496-5545, designbuild@yestermorrow.org, www.yestermorrow.org. *Intro to AutoCAD: Nov. 17-18. Codes, Costs and Contracts: Nov. 11-12. Treehouse Design: Dec. 1-2. Mathematics for Builders: Dec. 1. Remodeling: Dec. 8-9. One- and two-week classes also offered. Info: www.yestermorrow.org. All Yestermorrow courses are small, intensive and hands-on. Celebrating our 27th year!*

drumming

BURLINGTON TAIKO CLASSES: Cost: $53/Adult Beginner Class. Location: Taiko Space, 208 Flynn Ave., Burlington. Info: Burlington Taiko, 802-658-0658, classes@burlingtontaiko.org, www.burlingtontaiko.com. *Fall II Session: Kids (Beginners): Tuesdays, 4:30-5:20 p.m., $47. Adults (Beginners): Tuesdays, 5:30-6:20 p.m., $53. Six-week session begins Oct. 23. Gift certificates are available.*

RICHMOND TAIKO CLASSES: Begins 10/25. Kids (Beginners): Thursdays, 6-6:50 p.m., $57. Adults (Beginners): Thursdays, 7-7:50 p.m. Cost: $53/Adults. Location: Richmond Free Library, Richmond. Info: 802-434-3434, classes@burlingtontaiko.org. *All classes are held in the Community Meeting Room at the Richmond Free Library. Paid pre-registration is due 10/18, and there is a 10-person minimum for each class.*

feldenkrais®

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT: Nov. 28 - Feb. 11, 1-2 p.m. Weekly on Monday. Cost: $13/drop-in, $110/ten classes. Location: Living Yoga Studio, 35 King St., Burlington. Info: Uwe Darragh Jamieson, CFP, 802-863-2438. *Improve posture, range of motion, be pain-free. "Know what you do so you can do what you want."*

herbs

WISDOM OF THE HERBS SCHOOL: Winter Wisdom Weekends: January 12-13, January 26-27 and February 9-10, 2008, attend one, two or three weekends. Cost: $185/first weekend, $150 each weekend after the first. Location: All programs held at our new location in South Woodbury, Vermont. Info: Annie McCleary, Director, 802-456-8122, annie@wisdomoftheherbsschool.com, www.WisdomOfTheHerbsSchool.com. *Currently accepting applications for Wisdom of the Herbs 2008 Eight-Month Certification Program, one weekend a month, April to November 2008. Grants available to qualifying applicants. Please contact us for information. MasterCard and VISA accepted.*

language

FRENCH THROUGH ART: Cost: $35/hour. Location: Q Art Studio or your home, Stowe. Info: Carole, 802-253-8571. *Conversation, art, events, food, music, culture, travel. Kids Cercle Français, Cabaret and pop-ups. Private tutoring classes.*

martial arts

AIKIDO OF CHAMPLAIN VALLEY: Introductory classes begin Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m. Adult classes meet Monday-Friday, 5:30-6:30 and 6:35-8 p.m., Wednesdays 12-1 p.m., Saturdays, 10:45-11:45 a.m. and Sundays, 10-11 a.m. Children's classes, ages 7-12, meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mugai Shinden Ryu Iaido (the traditional art of sword drawing): Tuesdays 6-5:15 p.m. and Saturdays, 12-1:30 p.m. Zazen (seated Zen meditation): Thursdays, 7:45-8:45 p.m. Cost: $80/adult fee classes. Location: Aikido of Champlain Valley, 251 Pine Street, Burlington. Info: 802-951-8900, aikidovt.org. *This traditional Japanese martial art emphasizes circular flowing movements and joining and throwing techniques. Visitors are always welcome. Gift certificates are available. We now have a children's play space. Classes are taught by Benjamin Pincus Sensei, 5th degree black belt and Vermont's only fully certified (shidoin) Aikido instructor.*

MARTIAL WAY SELF-DEFENSE CTR: Cost: Free introductory class. Location: One minute off I-89 at Exit 12, Colchester. Info: 802-893-8893. *Day and evening classes for adults. Afternoon and Saturday classes for children. Group and private lessons. Kenpo, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Arnis and Wing Chun Kung Fu.*

VERMONT BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU: Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Monday-Friday, 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. Cost: Free first class. Location: Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 55 Leroy Road, Williston. Info: 802-[illegible], Julio@bjjusa.com, www.bjjusa.com. *Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a complete martial-arts system based on leverage (provides a greater advantage and effect on a much larger opponent) and technique (fundamentals of dominant body position to use the technique to overcome size and strength). Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu enhances balance, flexibility, strength, cardio-respiratory fitness and builds personal courage and self confidence. Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu offers Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Self-Defense classes (all levels). Boxing and MMA programs available. Brazilian Head Instructor with over 30 years of experience (5-Time Brazilian Champion, Rio de Janeiro), certified under Carlson Gracie. Positive and safe environment. Effective and easy-to-learn techniques that could save your life. Accept no imitations.*

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pilates

123 PILATES STUDIO: Location: 123 Pilates Studio, 49 Heineberg Drive (Hwy 127, near Burlington's New North End), Colchester. Info: 123 Pilates Studio, Lucille Dyer, 802-863-3284, lucille@123pilates.com, 123pilates.com. *Pilates students progress through Levels 1, 2 and 3 in small group classes and private sessions. Try Kripalu Yoga with Holly Hauser, our Ballet Barre and Fundamentals of Movement. Feel good about what you do for your body, mind and inner self. Lucille Dyer is a certified Peak Pilates instructor and Bartenieff Fundamentals Practitioner with 20 years of teaching, choreography and performance.*

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reiki

REIKI CLASSES: Reiki level One: two classes, Sat. Nov. 11 and Sat. Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Reiki Level Two: Sat. Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $115/Level One, $165 Level Two. Location: Rising Sun Healing Center, 35 King St., Burlington. Info: Chris Hansen, MSW, Reiki Teacher, 802-878-1111, chris@risingsunhealing.com, www.risingsunhealing.com. *Learn this powerful hands-on healing art. Member Vermont Reiki Association.*

spirituality

THE REAL PURPOSE OF LIFE: Cost: $20/5-week class. Location: Lectorium Rosicrucianum, St. Albans. Info: 802-524-9108, www.goldenrosycross.org. *What is the real purpose of life? A gnostic perspective. Explore the gnostic path of liberation. Discover the source of wisdom within you. Six-week class. Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. Nov. 13 - Dec. 18, St. Albans. Info: 802-524-9706 or e: mass@goldenrosycross.org*

TIBETAN BUDDHIST TEACHINGS: Nov. 20-26, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $250/$50 per day. Location: DDCV, 2 Elm St., Bristol. Info: Drikung Dzogchen Community Vermont (DDCV), David Arvitt, 802-453-3431, ddcv@gmavt.net, www.ddcv.com. *Teacher: Lonchen Gyalpo Rinpoche. Nov. 20, Tibetan Treasure Teachings. Nov. 22, Awakening the Heart. Nov. 23, Dorje Drolo Crazy Wisdom Empowerment. Nov. 24-26, Meditating on*

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weight loss

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yoga

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This week's puzzle answers. Puzzles on page 47a.

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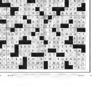

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legals

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the South Burlington City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 3rd at the City Hall Conference Room, 575 Dorset Street, South Burlington, Vermont, to consider amendments to the South Burlington Impact Fee Ordinances governing impact fees for Roads, Recreation and Fire Protection and to consider adoption of new Impact Fee Reports for Roads, Recreation and Fire Protection.

Please take note that NO amendments are proposed to the School Impact fees or School Impact Fee Report.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the Impact Fee Ordinances and the proposed new Impact Fee Reports are available for inspection on the City's website, www.sburl.com and at the South Burlington City Manager's Office during normal business hours.

November 1st, 2007

Christopher Smith, Chairman
South Burlington City Council

REVISED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS that, pursuant to an order of the Chittenden Superior Court in the matter entitled *The Bank of New York as Trustee v. Leslie Riddell and the Vermont Department of Taxes* (docket no. 442-04 CnC) a sheriff's sale of the following described property shall take place at the premises located at 11 Lakeview Terrace in the City of Burlington at 10:30 a.m. on November 29, 2007.

The property to be sold is described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Leslie Riddell by Executor's Deed of Michael W. MacIntyre, Executor of the Estate of Andrew P. Sullivan dated May 2, 2001 and of record in Volume 678, Pages 1-2 of the Burlington Land Records.

A lot of land with all buildings thereon situated on the westerly side of Lakeview Terrace, so-called, the dwelling house thereon known and designated as No. 11 Lakeview Terrace.

Reference is hereby made to the aforementioned instruments, the records thereof and the references therein contained, all in further aid of this description.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire of Grant C. Rees, Attorney, P.O. Box 108, Milton, VT 05468, 802-893-7400.

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Dated at Burlington this 26th day of October, 2007

Kevin McLaughlin, Sheriff

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PUMP DISEASE Are you interested in forming a group? Please call Susan at 893-2713.

CENTRAL VERMONT SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS COPING WITH BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES Will meet at the Easter Seals office in Berlin the first Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. New Members Welcome. Facilitated by Kristi Lenart, BA. For more information, call Kristi at 802-223-4744.

SHYNESS AND SOCIAL ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP Practice new social skills and improve confidence in a supportive and professional setting. Contact Contact Otter Creek Assoc. 865-3450 ext 341 or email shy@ocapsych.com

DISCUSS "WHAT THE BLEEP..." and "Down the Rabbit Hole" - the layman's way toward understanding latest quantum physics discoveries linking science and spirituality. We'll watch segments, talk about them, share experiences. Meeting place Burlington area TBA. Call 802 881 0000.

SHOPLIFTERS SUPPORT GROUP Self-help support group now forming in the Capital area for persons who would like to meet regularly for mutual support. This new group would meet biweekly at a time and place to be decided to discuss our issues, struggles and ways of staying out of trouble. We'll likely use some of Terry Shulman's work as a focus for some of our discussions. Please call Tina at 802 763-8800 or email at Tnane2672@1968@cs.com

PARENTING GROUP Parenting support and skill-building for people parenting kids of any age. New members welcome as space allows. Please call for more information. RiverValley Associates (802) 651-7520.

STARTING A WOMEN'S GROUP: Ages 45+. To meet weekly for lunch and other activities such as walking, book discussions, museum visits, matinees and etc. Email Katherine at MRR27775@aol.com.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP A monthly support group open to anyone with, at risk, or caring for someone with Huntington's disease, and their family and friends. The group meets the second Thursday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington. The support group is facilitated by a social worker and is sponsored by the Vermont affiliate of the Huntington's Disease Society of America. For additional information please call Warren Hathaway at 1-888-872-6102 ext 15.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN CRISIS: Divorce custody relationship type support for men. Weekly meetings Mondays 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian top of Church St. Burlington.

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP: 1-3 p.m. every third Thursday, Burlington Police Station Community Room, One North Ave. South Entrance, next to Battery Park. VT CFIDS Assoc. Inc. 1 800-296-1445 voicemail, www.monkeywiththewings.com/vtcfidds.html

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FAT FLUSHERS UNITE! Do you need support starting or staying motivated on the Fat Flush Plan by Ann Louise Gittleman? FF support group starting in S. Burlington. Call Rhonda 864-0538x228 for details.

SQUEAKY WHEELS RUSTY HINGES Focus groups meets at the Branon Pool in St. Albans for socialization, maintaining wellbeing, improving performance of daily activities by managing aches through sharing experiences and workout in the warm water. Meeting is free, one hour pool pass, swimsuit required. 802 527 7857.

MEN'S GROUP FORMING: To read and discuss Warren Farrell's groundbreaking book on gender, "The Myth of Male Power." 802 343-0910.

SEPARATED BY ADOPTION? Concerned United Birthparents, Inc. (CUB) announces local peer support group meeting in Burlington. CUB meetings offer a safe, confidential, and nurturing environment to explore personal experiences related to adoption relinquishment, search and reunion (or rejection) - for those of us who have felt isolated, it is a tremendous relief to communicate with others who understand our experience. 3rd Tuesday of the month 6-7 PM. Unitarian Universalist Church on Pearl St., top of Church St. Burlington. Free. Contact Judy, mgpwhite@cubirthparents.org, 800-822-2777 ext. 1, www.CUBirthparents.org

MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE/DYSAUTONOMIA: Group forming for information sharing purposes. Please call 893 3153.

MEN'S GROUP FORMING Based on the work of David Deida, Core Energetics, and other awareness practices. The intention of the group is to serve members into being the most extraordinary men that they can be. It is for men who are who are dying to penetrate every bit of the world with their courage, their presence, their undivided passion and attention, love and their deepest, burning, thrilling truth and desire. The group will function as a means for men to support each other and serve the greater good. We will be working with spiritual practices, the mind and body, and taking on our lives with the utmost integrity, impeccability and openness. The group is not a new age group, nor is it a group dedicated to therapy. Info, email zach@humblegroup.com or call 917-387 1279.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE (SOS) Have you experienced the impact of a loved one's suicide? Please consider joining us. The Burlington support group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the The Holiday Inn Oak Room 1068 Williston Road, South Burlington VT. This is not a therapy group; this is a support group. There is no fee. Please contact Cory Gould, M.A., Psychologist Master 802-223-4111 or Madeline Livendale 802-479-9450.

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BEREAVED PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Enosburg Falls, 10 Market Place, Main St. Parents, grandparents and adult siblings are welcomed. The hope is to begin a Compassionate Friends Chapter in the area. Info please call Priscilla at 933 7749.

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HEPATITIS C SUPPORT GROUP Second Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30. Community Health Center, second floor, 617 Riverside Ave., Burlington. 802 355 8839.

AL-ANON Family Group 12 step. Tuesdays, 12:20-1:20 p.m. "I Love Me" an educational support group on self care for survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence. Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Ongoing-Join us anytime! Women Changing Patterns, an educational support group on change. Tuesdays Sept. 26 - Oct. 31, 5:15-7:45 p.m. Child care reimbursement. Ask about Survivors of Incest Anonymous And Overeaters Anonymous. Call AWARE at 802-472-6463 for information.

AUTISM SUPPORT DAILY: Free support group for parents of children with autism. 600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240, Williston. 1st Monday of each month 7-8 p.m. Call Lynn 802 660-7240 or visit us at http://www.AutismSupportDaily.com for more info.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT: Montpelier daytime support group meets first and third Thursday of the month at the Unitarian Church "ramp entrance" from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call helpline at 1-877-856-1772.

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HAIR PULLERS SUPPORT GROUP: The Vermont TTM Support Group is a new support group for adult pullers (18+) affected by trichotillomania (chronic hair pulling) as well as parents of pullers. This will be a supportive, safe, comfortable and confidential environment. Meets on the 4th Monday of every month, 6-7:30 p.m. There will be no meeting 12/25. First Unitarian Universalist Society, 152 Pearl St., Burlington. Info: 453-3688 or vermont_ttmoutreach@yahoo.com

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THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY EAST CHAPTER of the Compassionate Friends meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m. at the Christ Church Presbyterian, 400 Redstone Campus, UVM. Info 482 5319. The meetings are for parents, grandparents and adult siblings who have experienced the death of a child at any age from any cause.

DIABETES EDUCATION and Support Group of Chittenden County meets the third Thursday of every month at the Williston Federated Church, 6:30-8 p.m. We often have guest speakers. Info: 847-2278.

CHADD is a support organization for children and adults with AD/HD. Every second Wednesday of the month. Champlain College, Global Technology Building, Maple St., Room 217, Burlington, VT.

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Substance Abuse Counselor: Full-time. Counselor needed for outpatient treatment program for pregnant and parenting women. Minimum of Master's degree in a social work, counseling, or human services-related field and licensure or certification in substance abuse treatment. Experience working with women and children a must. Position will work directly with the local child welfare office.

Substance Abuse Case Manager: Full-time and part time positions available. Case Manager needed to provide substance abuse treatment referral, coordination, monitoring, and wrap around services to young pregnant and parenting women. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, or human services-related field and Apprentice Substance Abuse Counselor Certificate or the ability to test for certification within three months of hire date. Experience working with women and children, and knowledge of community resources preferred.

Social Worker: Full time. Social Worker needed for Residential Treatment program for pregnant and parenting women. Minimum of Masters degree in social work, counseling, or human service related field and experience working with women and children. A desire to work towards or current licensure or certification in mental health counseling and/or substance abuse treatment preferred.

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Al Frugoli, afrugoli@ccs-vt.org ext. 108

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Qualifications include 2-3 years experience in developing/posting web content, a solid understanding of user interface guidelines, knowledge of HTML, Dreamweaver, PhotoShop, Word and Excel, strong attention to detail and sound interpersonal communication skills, an Associate's degree or equivalent [illegible] experience a plus. For more information on these and other positions, please visit our website at **www.vermontlaw.edu** under Employment Opportunities.

For consideration, please send a resume and cover letter with salary history/requirements to

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HomeOwnership Counselor

Search Reopened

The Champlain Housing Trust, which serves the affordable housing needs of Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties, has reopened the search for a qualified candidate for a full time HomeOwnership Counselor position. The core functions of the position are providing education and counseling to customers who wish to buy a home, as well as providing post purchase support. Responsibilities include presenting at orientations and workshops, providing one on one counseling, delinquency intervention, and support of CHT's affordable housing mission. This counselor will provide support in both our Burlington and St. Albans offices.

Qualified applicants must possess strong counseling skills, an aptitude for public speaking, financial/mathematical competence, BA/BS and the ability to function as a team player. Experience in mortgage lending our housing preferred.

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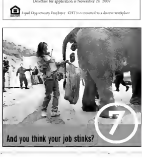

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To apply email a cover letter and resume to **jobs@echovermont.org** with **Environmental Exhibit Specialist** in the subject field. You also can apply via "snail" mail to:

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The deadline for applications is November 30, 2007

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) has an exciting opportunity to assist the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties with transportation planning projects including roadways, bike and pedestrian facilities, and public transit. The planner will focus on transportation planning, programs and projects at the local and regional level and will work closely with the region's Transportation Advisory Committee and state and local officials. The planner will also undertake other NRPC projects, according to the person's interests and skills. Candidates should have a minimum of 1-3 years community planning or transportation planning experience, and skills or knowledge of transportation issues. Solid written and verbal communication skills and degree in planning, transportation or related field are required.

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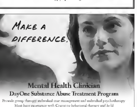

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Interested candidates may apply via email to **mtuck@dpc-nh.com**, by fax to **802-244-1324**, or by mail to: **Mrs. Mel Tuck, HR Generalist, Dartmouth Journal Services, Pilgrim Five, Suite 5, 5 Pilgrim Park Rd. Waterbury VT 05676.**
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Seeking a self motivated individual who works well with children & families. Position provides direct service to children in a community based setting, as well as assistance in coordinating services: assessing, monitoring, advocating, and social skill training. Case Managers are responsible for creating an interagency/interdisciplinary treatment team in order to provide the above services. Must be available to work evenings. Applicant should possess a BA, & 1-3 years of experience.

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Shared Living Provider needed for 13 year-old young lady with developmental and emotional challenges. Generous stipend, training, and team support provided. Person(s) with experience and education supporting individuals with developmental challenges preferred. For more information regarding positions available, please contact Debbie Quillian at 802-524-0574 ext 289.

HR Dept., 107 Fisher Pond Road, St. Albans, VT 05478. EOE
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Casey Family Services, Attn. Judy Delage
46 Main Street, Suite 1A, Winooski, VT 05404
jdelage@caseyfamilyservices.org

46 Main Street, Suite 1A
Winooski, VT 05404
800.244.1408

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(Search Re-Opened)

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Please email cover letter & resume by 11/21 to:
Randy Pratt, AVR,
director@vtrecyclers.org
Please state "Programs Manager" in subject line.

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This position will focus on strengthening relationships with outside partners in our affiliate, e-mail, online display advertising and comparison shopping engine programs. Qualified candidates will have a bachelor's degree in marketing or a related field, high attention to detail, strong relationship, negotiation, and analytical skills. Intermediate level knowledge of MS office tools along with a basic knowledge of HTML is preferred.

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Leah Wilhjelm, Lamoille FITP
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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS

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GROUP FACILITATORS

The Domestic Abuse Education Project is hiring for part time Group Facilitators in St. Albans, Vermont to facilitate educational groups to promote offender accountability, challenge violence and work to increase the safety of women and children. An understanding of domestic violence, willingness to learn more and a commitment to working for social change is required. Please send a cover letter and resume to:

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Deadline for responses is Nov. 30, 2007
Send cover letter and resume to:

Tim Coleman
Waystation/Daystation Coordinator
COTS PO Box 1616
Burlington, VT 05402-1616
tcoleman@cotsonline.org

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jpeterson@gbymca.org

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